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Fire-Fighters Blown Off Wharves

Pedestrians And Sight-Seers Fall Victims To Blast

Citizens' Meeting Plans Relief Work; Problems Of Repatriation, Guarding Properties In Affected Area And Disposal Of The Dead

THE FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT IN THE CITY ON FRIDAY, THOUGH PRACTICALLY BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL IN MOST OF THE AFFECTED AREAS, STILL CONTINUED IN SOME LOCALITIES IN THE VICINITY ON SUNDAY NIGHT. THE FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES WERE ALL CONCENTRATED IN THEIR FULL STRENGTH IN AN ATTEMPT TO PUT OUT THE CONFLAGRATION.

THE MUNICIPALITY HAS TAKEN OVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF RELIEF, AND WILL ACT AS A CENTRAL ORGANISATION WORKING THROUGH AND USING THE SERVICES OF ALL VOLUNTARY RELIEF ORGANISATIONS.

GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED TO FOOT THE BILL, AS FAR AS FEEDING AND EXPENSES OF REPATRIATION ARE CONCERNED.

The Police Commissioner has appointed a committee to take charge of the removal of property by the owners from the affected areas.

Sir Shantidas Askuran, Sheriff and Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas visited the cordoned area and have issued a reassuring statement.

The Sheriff has called a meeting of prominent citizens to meet at the Corporation Hall at 6 p.m. to-day to organise collection of funds.

Mingled feelings of sorrow, anxiety and resentment felt by the citizens at the tragedy which occurred on Friday and the happenings since then, were given expression to, at a meeting of representatives of organisations doing relief work as also of all persons concerned in public relief at a meeting held at the Corporation Hall on Sunday afternoon.

The meeting was called by Mr. M. D. Bhat, Municipal Commissioner and Mr. M. R. Masani, who was in the chair.

The Commissioner announced the steps that had been and would be taken and invited the representatives of organisations doing relief work to meet him at noon today (Monday), in order to co-ordinate relief measures.

Later in the day, an informal meeting of Municipal Councillors was held, when it was decided that the entire Corporation should form itself into a Committee to assist the Commissioner in every possible way. The committee is meeting in the Corporation Hall at 3 p.m. to-day (Monday).

The informal meeting called by the Commissioner and Mr. Masani was attended by many prominent citizens, including Lady Cowasji Jehangir, Lady Masani, Lady Rama Rau, Mrs. Kamaladevi, Mrs. Bapsey Sabavala, Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Mrs. Jaishree Raijee, Atiya Begum, Mrs. Tara and Mr. Rashid Ali Baig, Mr. Husseinbhoy Laljee, Mr. Amritlal Thakkar, Mr. R. A. Khedgikar, Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarjee, Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, Mr. Ratilal Gandhi, Mr. D. V. Pradhan, Dr. J. A. Collaco, Mr. Ali Mahomed Mecklai and Mr. Sunderdas Morarjee.

The organisations represented included the Indian Federation of Labour, The Arya Samaj, the South Indian Association, the Vikram Celebrations Committee, the Bombay Kerala Samaj, the Bombay Women's Relief Committee, the Bombay Provincial Muslim League Relief Committee, the Harijan Sevak Sangh and the Communist Party of India, Bombay Branch.

Mr. Masani opening the proceedings of the meeting said that it was heartening to see the spontaneous desire of individuals and organisations to serve those who were in distress on account of the calamity. It was necessary that this solidarity should be put to the best possible use.

There were certain questions which were agitating the public mind. But the urgent and immediate question was how to alleviate distress, how to house the homeless, how to relieve the misery of those who had lost their relatives, and how to rehabilitate the crippled. Although various organisations had been busy doing their best to help, nobody had yet an accurate picture of the extent of the relief needed or of the nature and extent of the work that was already being done.

The Speaker and the Municipal Commissioner had been requested by Mr. I. H. Taunton, Adviser to the Governor of Bombay to take up the work of rendering relief. The Municipal Commissioner had done the only proper thing by taking over the entire work. The Municipal staff could not by itself cope with the tremendous work, and it required the assistance of all persons and organisations who were willing to help.

The Government had agreed to bear the expenses of feeding and of the railway fares and incidental charges of all those who desired to be repatriated from Bombay. But finances would be required for other purposes. It was for this purpose that the Sheriff had called a meeting of prominent citizens for Monday evening.

In conclusion, he invited representatives of all organisations to give a brief account of the relief work they were doing and their needs.

Mrs. Maniben Mulji, Mr. K. S. Ramachandra Iyer, Mr. I. B. Patel, Dr. J. V. Vorah, Mr. G. G. Morarji, Mrs. Kamaladevi, Mr. I. S. Patel, Mr. Ratilal Gandhi, Mr. Mahomed Umar Rajab, Atiya Begum, Mr. Madhavlal Bhat, Mr. R. A. Khedgikar, Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Mrs. Bapsey Sabawalla, Mr. Amritlal Thakar, Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee and several others address the meeting.

The one question which was stressed most in the course of the speech was the fact that the citizens who had left their homes in the affected area were not allowed to go through the cordon and see what had happened to their property and belongings. Speaker after speaker stressed the anxiety of those who had come out of the danger area with nothing more than their clothes on and were most anxious to return home. It was suggested that at least some responsible citizens of the ward, some justices of the Peace or persons in authority should be allowed to examine the area and also to arrange for its being properly guarded and secured.

Mr. Husseinbhoy Laljee and others wanted to know if all steps had been taken to make sure that some persons were not within the cordoned area. Mr. Laljee gave the instance of a street of about 18 houses, where only three had been burnt. He wanted to know if every attempt had been made to make sure that some poor desperate, helpless persons were not still clinging to the spot. This was part of relief.

Mr. M. D. Bhat, the Municipal Commissioner referring in his concluding speech to the tragedy said that a large area had been devastated, and it was immediate and urgent to provide shelter, clothing and food to the people. The Municipality was prepared to undertake that work. He stressed that their most important problem was to provide accommodation. The Municipality was throwing open all the schools for the accommodation of the evacuees. But that was only till June. He had represented to the Government the urgent necessity of putting up as quickly as possible 2,000 or more rooms to accommodate the dishoused. If anybody wanted to go out of Bombay, they would be encouraged. Another urgent problem was sanitation.

The Municipal Health Officer had looked into some of the places where the evacuees were housed and had reported that it was urgently necessary to make adequate sanitary arrangements. Finally, he invited not more than two representatives of each organisation doing relief work to meet him in his office at noon to-day.

CITY FATHER'S MEETING

Later, a meeting of the Municipal Councillors was held with Mr. M. R. Masani in the chair.

The meeting was a very confused one, various proposals being put forward and angry speeches being made on each of them. First, it was proposed to appoint a committee to help the Commissioner in all possible ways. Slowly, the list began to grow longer. Mr. Masani himself and several others questioned the utility of such a committee. Doubts were expressed what purpose it could serve at all.

Then another and smaller committee was proposed, but there was no agreement as to its personnel. Ultimately, it was resolved that the whole Corporation should form itself into a committee and as such should meet on Monday at 3 p.m.

PROPERTY OF EVACUEES

It is understood that the Police Commissioner has appointed a Committee with Sir Shantidas Askuran, Sheriff of Bombay, as Chairman, Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Devji Ratansey and Mr. I. I. Chundrigar as Secretaries, and about a dozen members, including Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarjee, to take entire charge of the affected locality for the purpose of organizing the removal of properties and other belongings of persons who have had to evacuate the area hurriedly.

The Committee propose to take up street by street of the affected area and invite residents to come, identify their property and to take it away. The Committee is holding its first meeting in Jaffar Ibrahim's Furniture Shop near Mandvi at 11 a.m. to-day (Monday) and will chalk out its programme of action.

DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD

Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarjee has been empowered by the Police Commissioner to assist in the disposal of Hindu dead bodies. He will take charge of his work from this morning. Relatives of persons killed in the accident may approach him for assistance.

Lost In Gallant Fight

Now that the grim facts of the tragic occurrence are gradually coming to light, it is reported that three officers of the Bombay Fire Fighting Services, Messrs. Palamcote, Gaimer and Pradhan lost their lives gallantly in their heroic efforts to bring under control the fires which caused the explosion. In all, five experienced officers of the Bombay Fire Brigade are reported to have lost their lives, while directing operations. There is no trace of some other members of the Fire Brigade also who are believed to have been blown off with their equipment.

Fire Brigade Officers Disappear With Equipment

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The two explosions referred to in the Bombay Government Communique followed a fire in a ship in the dock. The fire spread in spite of the concentration of a large part of the city's fire brigade. Thick black smoke went up from the burning ship. There was a rumbling noise and then came the full blast of the first explosion. Some of the members of the City's Fire Brigade working at the Area disappeared with their equipment and there is no trace of five experienced officers, who were directing the fire-fighting operations. Other men were blown off the Wharves.

The second explosion probably caused more casualties. After the first explosion scores of people made their way towards the direction from which rose thick black smoke in huge columns and were caught unawares by the second explosion. Pedestrians and sightseers were blown off their feet and motor cars overturned. An immense volume of thick black smoke that rose cover the sky. Above in the blue sky there were tails of white smoke and red lines as if a number of sky-writing aeroplanes had left each an aimless trail.

Forty-eight hours after the explosions occurred and the big fires that occurred in parts of the city, the situation now is fully under control. The sky is clear, the clouds of smoke have lifted. The initial alarm has given way and conditions are fast returning to normal. It will, however, take some days to rehabilitate people rendered homeless.

All the Ward Rationing Offices in the City worked the whole of to-day issuing ration cards and wrote out cards covering over 50,000 units of food grains to nearly 25,000 persons.—A. P.

DOCKS BEING REPAIRED

BOMBAY, Sunday.—Salvage work and repairs at Bombay Docks are proceeding apace. A military spokesman said to-night: "The roads to the scene have already been cleared. Although the fire area is still smouldering, large tracts are being freed of debris—A.P.

NO DANGER OF MORE EXPLOSIONS

The following statement was issued from Bombay Area Headquarters to-night: "In spite of the official statement yesterday that there was no danger of any further explosions rumour-mongers were again busy and have caused some apprehension throughout the city. Demolitions of unsafe buildings are in progress, but these are of a very minor character and are fully controlled. It is again emphasised that there is now no danger whatever of any further explosions."—A.P.

Relief Centres

The Nationalist Bombay Students' Union, City Congress Workers and Rastriya Seva Dal, have jointly organised relief work. These institutions have opened different 19 Relief Centres in the different localities in the city.

Following are the Relief Centres:—(1) Lad Vadi, C. P. Tank; (2) Ram Baug, C. P. Tank; (3) Madhav Baug, C. P. Tank; (4) Kapor Vadi; (5) Lohana Mahajan Vadi, Thakurdwar; (6) Nemani's Vadi, Thakurdwar; (7) Krishna Bhuvan, Kolbhat Lane; (8) Gita Bhuvan; (9) Victoria Gardens; (10) Khalsa College, Matunga; (11) J. K. Building; (12) Suman Building; (13) Doongeri Municipal School; (14) Ram Baug, Matunga; (15) Vidhaya Bhuvan; (16) Matunga Gujarati Mandal, Matunga; (17) Godji's Vadi; (18) Maha Jan Association; (19) Nagpada School.

Prof. Gharpure

Prof. D. R. Gharpure, who was released from Nasik Jail arrived in Bombay on Sunday night.

WORKING OF G. I. P. THROUGH TRAINS

Normal working of G.I.P. trains in and out of Victoria Terminus EXCEPT THE SUBURBAN SERVICE will be resumed to-day (Monday).

Tornado Hits Palong Thane

Many Lives Lost:

MADRIPUR, April 14.

Many lives are reported to have been lost and considerable damage caused to property in about a dozen villages at a result of a tornado which passed over Palong Thane yesterday. The village of Kashipur is reported to be the worst affected. Seven villagers suffering from injury caused by the tornado were admitted to Angaria camp hospital, while many persons are still missing.—A. P.

MAHATMA LAID UP WITH MALARIA

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The Government of Bombay have issued the following communique "Mr. Gandhi has been suffering for the last three days from Malaria. He is feeling weak, but his general condition is as satisfactory as can be expected".

BOMB FIND IN VATICAN

BASLE, April 15: THE POPE HAS ORDERED GUARDS TO BE REINFORCED AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE VATICAN AND ALL PARCELS CARRIED BY PASSERS-BY TO BE EXAMINED, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM CHIASO.

THIS FOLLOWED THE FINDING OF A 20-LB. BOMB IN SISTINE CHAPEL AT THE FOOT OF THE WALL BEARING MICHEL ANGELO'S "LAST JUDGMENT."—

MOVE TO SAVE ROME

WASHINGTON, April 15: The U. S. Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull in a letter to Senator Styles Bridges Republican member of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, to-day said that the whole question of the military status of Rome is "again being actively considered by the interested Governments and their military authorities."

Mr. Hull was replying to a suggestion by Senator Bridges that President Roosevelt take the lead in the creation of a Commission drawn from the United Nations and the Axis under the chairmanship of the Pope to consider the matter.

Mr. Hull promised that the proposal would be considered in conjunction with "the various problems involved in sparing Rome from devastation incidental to modern warfare".

Mr. Bridges had written to President Roosevelt saying that demilitarisation of Rome might save the lives of thousands of American soldiers.—Reuter.

Governor's Appeal For Volunteers And Nurses

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ANZIO BEACHHEAD DEFENCES BREACHED

Bitter Patrol Clashes And Artillery Duels

From Reuter's Special Correspondent at the Allied Headquarters in Italy, April 16:—

Allied raiding party punched holes in German defences around the Anzio beachhead perimeter yesterday, and captured over 60 German prisoners. While there were no material changes on the beachhead or other Italian fronts, bitter patrol clashes and frequent lively artillery duels occurred on both east and west coast sectors. German gunfire was particularly intense on the main front shelling Allied forward positions above Cassino. Allied artillerymen responded vigorously reducing the volume of German fire. Several patrol engagements were fought amongst mountain areas around Sanbiagio and Sanangelo.—Reuter.

Hail-Storm Over Munshiganj

MUNSHIGANJ (Dacca), April 15.

A severe hail-storm passed over the town and surrounding villages on Wednesday (the 12th) evening. A number of huts was blown away and damage done to standing crops.—A. P.

INDIANS OVERSEAS FEDERATION

Ceylon Congress President's Suggestion

COLOMBO, April 15: Mr. Abdur Aziz, President of the Ceylon Indian Congress, suggests the formation of a Federation of all Indians Overseas organisations with headquarters in New Delhi.

Mr. Aziz is circularising such organisations inviting them to form a federation. He says that the Central Office of such Federation will collect information with regard to difficulties of Indians in different parts of the world and present a case on their behalf to the Government, people and Press in India. The Federation will also arrange for exchange of information between different Indians Overseas organisations and give necessary advice to each organisation.

Mr. Aziz proposes that the scope of the Federation need not be restricted to the British Commonwealth but may extended to all countries where Indians live.

Giraud's Last Order To French Troops

ALGIERS, April 15: Gen. Giraud, former French Commander-in-Chief in a final 'Order of the Day' to his troops today called on them to remain united in the struggle against the invader. He says: "I no longer have the honour to command you effectively in battle. There is now only one voice, that of France. Men may go, France remains."—Reuter.

RIO DE JENEIRO, April 15: President Vargas of Brazil speaking at a Journalist luncheon today promised a democratic representative Government for Brazil after the war.

S. E. A. C. Headquarters Shifted To Ceylon

Mountbatten For Closer Touch With C.-in-C. Of Eastern Fleet

SOUTH EAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

CEYLON, April 16.

Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander in S. E. Asia, has transferred his headquarters from New Delhi to Ceylon.

For five months the South-East Asia Command has worked in New Delhi in close co-operation with India Command. Admiral Mountbatten and his Anglo-American staff have been in daily contact with Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, C.-in-C., India, and his staff, and together they have prepared and planned for the future.

Now the South-East Asia Command has moved from its training and supply base—India—to its operational headquarters—Ceylon.

NEAREST POINT TO S.-E. ASIA

Unlike India, Ceylon comes within South-East Asia Command, so the Supreme Allied Commander may be said to have moved into his own territory. The South-East Asia front extends for many hundreds of miles from the northern point of Burma to the south, and Ceylon is the nearest point to the South-East Asia front as a whole.

Admiral Mountbatten's frequent visits to the Burma front will only take him a couple of hours longer by air from Ceylon than they do from Delhi, which will ensure his retaining his previous close contact with this Section of the front.

It must be pointed out, too, that Ceylon contains the main naval bases in South-East Asia so that this move will bring the Supreme Allied Commander into close touch with the Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Fleet. It is clear, that the sea bases of Ceylon must play an important part in the re-conquest of Japanese occupied territory in the South-East Asia theatre.

The move of the Headquarters was made by rail and air. The majority of Lord Louis' staff travelled by special train down the whole length of India and then over the Adams Bridge ferry to Ceylon. While this move was in progress, key personnel continued to work in Delhi, and it was not until the main party was established in Ceylon that the Command changed. The Delhi party then rejoined the main Headquarters by air.—

Lord Louis new headquarters is a temporary camp—contrasting with the imposing Delhi Secretariat—one wing of which he has just vacated. It is doubtful whether the New Headquarters took as many weeks to build as the old one did years.—A. P.

ALLIES CAPTURE IMPORTANT HILL FEATURE

Clearing Operations On Kohima-Dimapur Road

NEW DELHI, April 16

On 15th April there was no important change on the Arakan Front where artillery and patrol activity continued, says a communique issued from South-East Asia Command. Our troops successfully attacked and captured positions just west of Buthidaung.

In the neighbourhood of the Tiddim Road several small enemy attacks were repulsed.

North-east of the Imphal plain our troops captured an important hill feature, the possession of which has been strongly contested in the past few days. The Imphal plain is entirely in our hands, and fighting is confined to the neighbouring hills where we continue our offensive operations against the enemy.

Enemy attacks on the night 13/14 April on Kohima from both east and west were repulsed.

CLEARING KOHIMA-DIMAPUR ROAD

Operations to clear the Kohima-Dimapur Road are progressing satisfactorily. On 14th April, heavy casualties were inflicted and equipment was captured when enemy positions on the road were cleared north-west of Kohima.

In the Mogaung Valley east of the Namkawng River 38th Chinese Division occupied the western and central villages of Tingring. The 22nd Chinese Division continue their southward advance astride the road.

In the Nphum area of the Kumon range American infantry completely broke Japanese flank attacks and occupied positions from which they were able to continue active patrolling.

West of the Sumprabum-Myitkyina Road heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy who later made a strong counter-attack. South of the Tlang River our troops maintain their pressure.

10th U.S.A.A.F. long-range fighters of the Tactical Air Force in daylight on 15th April made a low level concentrated attack on Heho airfield in Central Burma. At least 20 aircraft were seen on the ground and four others in the air. Of these six were destroyed and two damaged on the ground and one damaged in the air.

R.A.F. and I.A.F. fighters, fighter-bombers and dive-bombers were active in daylight on the 13th and 14th April. Enemy concentrations, M/T and dugout craft were bombed and strafed, with bombs falling well within the target area.

In a sustained attack on enemy communications in central and southern Burma, R.A.F. long-range fighters damaged a total of 40/50 rolling stock.—A. P.

NEW YORK, April 14: Washington correspondent of 'New York Times' reported today that negotiations for a new Anglo-American Lend-Lease Agreement to become operative when Germany is defeated had been concluded.

"ALLIED AIR FORCE OVER TOKYO BEFORE LONG"

Jap War Production Centres To Be Targets

LONDON, April 16.

Seventh United States Army Air Force Headquarters, April 16.

Maj.-Gen. Willis H. Hale, on Saturday told the departing Seventh Army Air Force men: "It will not be long before you are over Tokyo.

Maj.-Gen. Hale, who has been named Commander of Landbased airforces in forward areas, in the Central Pacific said that the most advanced air base is 180 zero nautical miles from Tokyo. "No other air force has advanced its heavy bomber bases so far in such a short time," he stated.

WASHINGTON WILL DECIDE

Gen. Hale said: "Unless the Japanese can greatly reinforce their air-arm our future progress in the Central Pacific air war will be determined entirely in Washington. Our objective in the war in the Pacific is to place our heavy bombers within effective operational range of the Major war production centres of the Japanese, when this is done the war will not be over, but it will have reached the final stage.

Whatever is done in the meantime must be considered preliminary to that objective.

Meanwhile, seven League boots have been put on the so-called programme of island-hopping, and the pattern for the future is clearly outlined". Gen. Hale said: That the Japanese now appear to have been defeated in the air in the Central Pacific.—Reuter.

Odessa Falls In Two Days: German Armies In Great Plight

LONDON, (By Cable): A measure of the plight of German armies on the eastern front is that the Russians have recaptured the great port of Odessa after an assault lasting only two days, writes the "Daily Telegraph".

In 1941 it took the Rumanians, though strongly stiffened by German forces, two months to take the city. The recapture of the city gives the Russian fleet its anxiously desired base in the eastern part of the Black Sea and its possession would seem to seal the fate of the Crimean garrison.

The German claims to have effected the evacuation of Odessa as successfully as the Russian evacuation in 1941 are open to the gravest doubt. The enemy showed every sign to the end of intending to hold the city. He had lost, a few days before, his main line of escape by railway. The vigilant Russian watch for an attempt to escape by sea has been nothing; and indeed the enemy does not possess enough shipping in the Black Sea to try anything of the kind. It is inconceivable that he should have got everything away by road and the single railway line along the coast, both of which are broken by ferry over the Dniester estuary and have been under heavy air bombardment.

Odessa is, therefore, certainly not an empty victory. From every viewpoint its fall is a landmark in the war on the eastern front. It is the last really big city on the pre-1939 Russian soil which the enemy still held. It was the brightest jewel among the promises by which Hitler induced Antonescu to join in the invasion of 1941. At its fall in that year, Hitler telegraphed to Michael of Rumania his "most cordial congratulations." He can now offer only his most contrite condolences on the position in which Rumania stands.

ANEY ON LEAVE FOR INDIA

COLOMBO, April 15.

Mr. M. S. Aney, Government of India's Representative in Ceylon is leaving for India on Monday on a month's holiday. It is expected during his stay in India he will take the opportunity of visiting New Delhi and meeting Dr. Khare, Member for Commonwealth Relations.—A. P.

KARACHI, April 15: It is understood that two Labour representatives namely Miss Maniben Kara and Mr. Karnik will visit England shortly to attend the British Trade Union Conference.

The annual general meeting of the U.P. Provincial Muslim League held elected Nawab Mohammad Ismail Khan as President for the ensuing year. Syed Aizaz Rasul was elected General Secretary.

Present Strength Of I. A. F.

NEW DELHI, April 15: The Indian Air Force should by the end of this year have grown to ten squadrons plus an anti-aircraft co-operation unit—a total force equivalent in aircraft strength to 13 squadrons.

The limiting factor in consolidating this force, it is authoritatively stated, is no longer the supply of modern aircraft but lack of the proper type of young men coming forward to be trained as officer pilots.

Indian Air Training Corps was inaugurating early in 1943 in nine universities in India to provide pre-entry training for students proposing to join the Indian Air Force for flying duties.

It is announced that H.H. the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir has offered to H.E. the Viceroy half a squadron of fighter aircraft eight in numbers), at a cost of £40,000 for the defence of India

Russian Army Within 2 Miles Of Sebastopol

Tarnopol, which is a large railway centre, was captured as a result of Stubborn Street fighting by forces of the First Ukrainian Front. Tarnopol is 75-miles south-east of Lvov.

The Red Army is reported to be in suburbs of Sebastopo.

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

Saturday's Soviet Communique says: 'Troops of the First Ukrainian front have completely captured Tarnopol, regional centre of Ukraine, a large railway centre and powerful enemy stronghold in the Lvov direction.

The enemy garrison encircled in Tarnopol consisting of four Infantry Divisions and several independent units totalling 16,000 men were wiped, out with the exception of some 2,400 enemy officers and men who surrendered.

During April 15 west and southwest of Czertkov our troops continued their offensive and captured a number of inhabited localities.

In the Sebastopol direction our troops, overcoming enemy engineering fortifications in wooded hilly country, continued to advance along the southern coast of the Crimea and captured over 60 inhabited localities including Albat, district centre of the Crimea.

Till end of April 14th our troops in the Crimea took prisoner over 37,000 enemy officers and men.

During April 14 on all fronts our troops disabled or destroyed 69 German tanks.

Red Army In Sebastopol Suburbs

LONDON, April 16.

James Fleming, Columbia Broadcasting System Commentator, broadcasting from Moscow to-day stated: "The Red Army this morning are in the suburbs of Sebastopol. They have taken the big airport outside the city, control every road into port and front despatches put them variously at two to three miles from Sebastopol. The Germans will be lucky if they hold out for eight hours".

ENEMY REMNANTS WIPED OUT

In the Crimea Soviet units reached the river Belbeck on a large sector and occupied the village of Liubomovka six kilometres north of Sebastopol.

On the Crimean coast between Sudak and Alushta Russian units wiped out remnants of the German and Rumanian troops who had retreated from Feodosia. Huge losses are being inflicted upon them.—Reuter.

PHYSICIST AS ADVISER TO AIR MINISTRY

LONDON: Sir George Thomson, F. R. S. the famous physicist has been appointed scientific adviser to the Air Ministry by Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Minister. Sir Thomson will be responsible for examining and advising on air operations from scientific aspect as also methods, weapons and equipment to be used. Sir George is the son of late Sir J. J. Thomson, F. R. S., and he was awarded Nobel prize for physics in 1937.—India Press Service.

Students' Procession Collects Funds And Clothes

The Secretary, Nationalist Bombay Students' Union writes:—

Nationalist students took out a procession on Sunday afternoon from 42, Kennedy Bridge and within a very short period collected more than 10,000 pieces of clothes, four bags of grain and nearly Rs. 1,000. The Nationalist B. S. U.'s workers will daily move in the afternoon to collect fund. 'Hira Baug' is the chief centre for any inquiry for help and relief work.

Relief Given

Mr. Ratansey Champsey, Mrs. Jaishree Raiji, P. K. Sawant and Prabhakar Kunte send the following in connection with the relief work that is being done by the City Congress workers along with the Rashtriya Seva Dal and the Bombay Students' Union.

"Since Friday evening, our volunteers have been rescuing the distressed people and bringing them to a dozen centres opened in the different parts of the city, while some of these Canteens are being run by the Bombay Students' Union and the Rashtriya Seva Dal, trustees and authorities of many Dharmashalas and Mahajanwadis, have also thrown open their Wadis to these refugees and destitutes. Nearly about 8,000 persons are fed twice daily in all these Canteens without any restriction of caste or creed. More than 400 volunteers are working in all these Canteens and Central Office is situated at Hira Baug, C. P. Tank.

We thank the Municipal authorities, and Bombay City Ambulance Corps, doctors, trustees and donors for the facilities provided to us by them in carrying out our work.

We appeal to the general public of Bombay to give every possible help for this noble cause either in cash or kind.

KASHMIR'S OFFER TO VICEROY

LAHORE, April 16

His Highness the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir, it is officially announced, has offered to His Excellency the Viceroy a half squadron of fighter aircraft numbering eight at a cost of £40.000 for the defence of India.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

YALTA CAPTURED

MOSCOW, April 16.—The Red Army has captured Yalta, said Marshal Stalin in an order of the day tonight.—Reuter.

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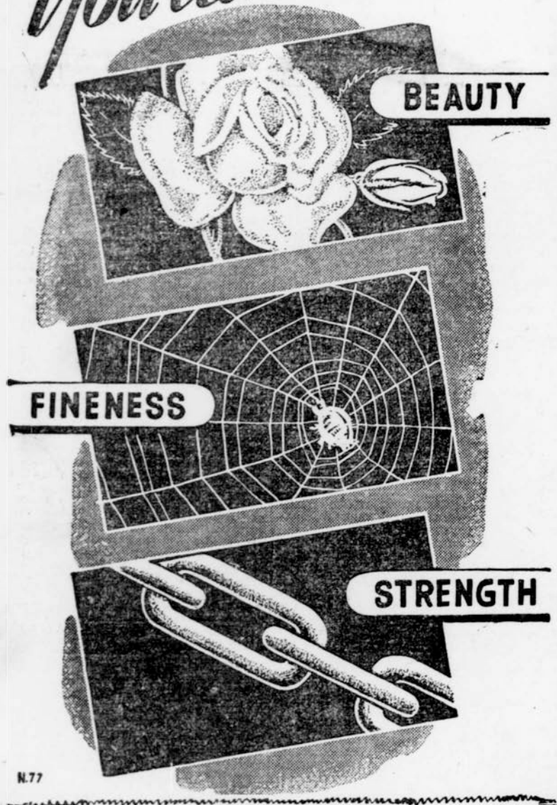

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HELP RELIEF WORK

Appeal To Congress Workers

BOMBAY, Sunday.

At an informal meeting of Congress workers of the City of Bombay and its Suburbs at Shri Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya Hall, Gowalia Tank Road, on Saturday evening, when more than 150 were present, the following resolution referring to the unfortunate tragedy that happened the previous day in the city was unanimously passed:

"This meeting of Congress workers in Bombay puts on record its sense of profound sorrow at the enormous loss of life and property in the tragedy that happened in the City on Friday and conveys its heartfelt sympathy to those who are bereaved and have been rendered destitute.

"This meeting urges all Congress workers in the City and Suburbs to offer their wholehearted co-operation to the organisations engaged in relief work."

KERALA SAMAJ TO ORGANISE RELIEF

At an emergent meeting of the Governing Body of the Bombay Keraleeya Samaj a resolution expressing profound sorrow at the tragedy occurred in Bombay following the fire in the city on Friday resulting in loss of life and property and sympathising with the victim of the tragedy was passed. The Samaj also offered its co-operation in relief work.

Mr. V. K. Menon who presided urged that immediate steps should be taken to give effective aid to destitutes. It was brought to the notice of those present that members of the Samaj were already engaged in the work. It was decided to organise relief work in a more systematic way. Mr. V. K. Menon appealed for funds The appeal met with ready response.

Earlier a meeting convened by the Building Fund Sub-Committee of the Samaj discussed ways and means to collect sufficient funds for the fund. A Sub-Committee was appointed to report to the Governing Body of the Samaj on the constitution of a Board of Trustees for the Fund. Donations to the tune of Rs. 8,000 was announced on the spot, Mr. V. K. Menon topping the list with Rs. 5,001. Messrs. Karuvan, N. J. Nair and V. R. Ezhuthachan announced a donation of Rs. 1,000 each.

BOMBAY WOMEN'S RELIEF ACTIVITIES

Kamaladevi On Response To Appeal For Funds

The Bombay Women's Relief Committee has divided relief activities in order to make them speedy and effective. Each department of work has placed under the charge of one person. Thus feeding will be under the charge of Lady Chunilal Mehta. Clothing, evacuation, housing of destitutes and care of refugees will be the responsibility of Mrs. Hansa Mehta, Lady Rama Rao, Mrs. Jayashree Raiji and Mrs. Dongerkerry. Mrs. Safia Khan will be the Captain of the volunteers.

The whole relief operations of the Committee will be directed by office-bearers, viz., Mrs. Kamaladevi, Mrs. Premchand, Mrs. Kulsum Sayani, Mrs. Paranjpye and Mrs. Doctor and the departmental heads.

Mrs. Kamaladevi who has been visiting hospitals and touring round the affected areas, was very much moved at the extent of distress and misery. She was glad that the All-India Women's Conference appeal for relief was already drawing encouraging response and the eagerness of women's organisations to serve the people at this crucial moment was indeed fine. She hopes that the scheme of Ward Committees for the city and local committees in the suburban areas would work efficiently and with the least strain on their resources.

PERSONNEL OF WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: Smti. Kamaladevi.
Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Maneklal Premchand,
Hon. Secretaries: Mrs. Sayani and Mrs. Paranjpye.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Doctor.
The work has been distributed over eight heads with the following member in charge:—
REFUJEE: Dr. Sukhthanker.
HOUSING: Mrs. Jaishri Raishri.
FEEDING: Lady Chunilal Mehta.
CLOTHING: Mrs. Hansa Mehta.
MEDICAL AID: Dr. Kumud Mehta.
EVACUATION: Lady Rama Rao.
PUBLICITY: Mrs. Dongerkerry, and
VOLUNTEERS: Mrs. Sophia Khan.

WOMEN RELIEF COMMITTEE MEETING: A meeting of volunteers of the Bombay Women's Relief Committee will be held at the Vanita Vishram English School to-day (Monday) at 9-30 a.m. Work will be assigned and members will be informed of their respective centres. Enrolment of volunteer will be carried on from 9 a.m. to 6-30 p.m. daily.

Y. M. H. A. RELIEF CENTRE

Y. M. H. A. has opened centre at Aryan Education Society's Girl's School (Girgaum) for giving relief to persons. Enquire at T. No. 20687 (B, Tambe Ltd.)

RELIEF CENTRE AT MATUNGA: A relief centre has been opened at Matunga from Friday evening by the Matunga Gujrathi Club. Inquiry regarding the work should be made at the Club's premises at King's Circle, Tram Terminus, Matunga; or Phone 61356. Any help of volunteers can be had from Mr. V. M. Kamath, in charge of the Club's volunteer Corps.

BHATIA CORPS RELIEF CENTRE

In order to give aid for the investigation for losses. Persons who have suffered losses are requested to report them with details to the Hon. Secretary Bhatia Volunteers Corps Relief Centre, at Picket Road, Bhatia Mahajanwadi, Bombay—2.

RELIEF AT VILE-PARLE: Under the auspices of Shree Vile-Parle Seva Samaj, a relief kitchen has been started, at "Amratbag, Bajaj Road, Vile-Parle (west).

REPORTS OF DAMAGE HIGHLY EXAGGERATED

Assurance By Sir Purshottamdas And Sir Shantidas Askuran

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Sir Shantidas Askuran, the Sheriff of Bombay, and Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas in a joint statement say that during a tour which they were allowed to make this afternoon of the area affected by Friday's fire they noticed that whilst the extent and intensity of the disaster is serious, highly exaggerated reports of the damage were beginning to add to the nervousness. They stress that extensive relief will be needed and express the belief that the public of Bombay will give their utmost co-operation in this.

The statement says:

"In view of the prevailing nervousness verging on panic in the city since last Friday, and realising that under the circumstances the Government hesitate to allow access to the affected areas, it struck us that it may be useful if the Government allowed some non-officials to visit the affected areas This view of ours was conveyed to Mr. Bristow, Adviser, Home Department, who offered the necessary facilities. The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Butler was very helpful in giving such information as he had, and under the guidance of one of his officers, we spent about an hour and a half in the affected areas this afternoon.

DAMAGE COULD WELL HAVE BEEN GREATER

Whilst the extent and the intensity of the disaster is serious we noticed that highly exaggerated reports of the damage were beginning to add to the nervousness. While this was most deplorable, it would be useful to record our opinion that Bombay may well be grateful that the damage was not more extensive. We saw how the military and other agencies have done commendable work in preventing extension of the damage. That they should in this connection have to cordon off the affected part to the public appears to us to be not only necessary but imperative, if earliest relief has to be brought to all concerned. Several of the buildings and localities reported to be extinct were found by us to be actually untouched by fire. On the whole, the public in Bombay would appear to have stood the test with quite commendable coolness and determination and we trust that this attitude will continue.

DON'T BELIEVE UNCONFIRMED GOSSIP FROM ANYWHERE

Extensive relief will be needed and we believe that the public of Bombay will give their utmost co-operation in this. We understand that the Government including the police are anxious to utilise assistance from the public based on discipline and order being maintained in and around the most affected areas.

We strongly urge the public not to pay heed to unauthorised wild rumours. Most of them were current on Saturday afternoon which when mentioned to the Police Commissioner by us were firmly refuted by him; and when pressed further, he went so far as to say that the source of such rumours may well be taken to be classed in the category of futile efforts at activities similar to Fifth Column activities. it is in the interest of the public not to act on any such unconfirmed gossip.

The public will note that the Government of Bombay are confident of uninterrupted grain supply to the public and the Food Member of the Government of India has promised special priority to Bombay to replace the grain destroyed in this calamity.

We understand that the Transport Member of the Government of India promptly arrived here by air yesterday afternoon and is seeing the damage personally. We strongly urge him to take effective steps to prevent any such accident in the future, and we have every hope that the Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust will put before him the point of view of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay who pressed their views on the Government of India frankly soon after the war broke out."—A.P.

Governor's Appeal For Volunteers And Nurses

BOMBAY, Sunday.

In view of the urgent need of volunteers and nurses in hospitals in the city His Excellency the Governor has appealed to all persons having experience to offer their services, whole-time or part time. The need, is likely to continue for about two weeks. In order to ensure that first assistance should be publicly coordinated and used to the best advantage it has been requested that those who are willing to offer their services should communicate as soon as possible with the Dist. Supdt., St. John Ambulance Brigade, H.Q., 141 Mint Road, Fort.

Several families who have been dislodged on account of the fire and who have left houses on their own accord are not aware of the arrangements made by the authorities for them. As a result several persons are leaving the city on foot with their belongings or walking on open spaces without knowing what to do. Arrangements are being made to advise these people to take advantage of the relief measures now organised. The Government strongly urge them in their own interest to accept this advice and take advantage of the facilities provided, instead of subjecting themselves to hardship and long and unnecessary journeys, or walking in the open. Persons in need of relief are advised to apply to the nearest police station or municipal ward office.—United Press.

AKALI-DAL RELIEF

Bombay Akali-Dal has started relief work it is continued still.

The Bombay public can enquire at Kalbadevi office (or T. No. 20235) for any kind of help.

GIRGAUM HINDU SABHA RELIEF WORK STARTED

The Girgaum District Hindu Sabha has started relief work for those who are suffering from Explosion incident Needy persons can inquire at the office of the Sabha (Parrera Building, opp, Kelewadi, Girgaum Road). For some days the office of the Sabha will remain open for 24 hours.

Relief By Khalsa College

The Vice-Principal of the Khalsa College has addressed the following letter to the Mayor of Bombay:—

Anxious to associate ourselves with the laudable efforts that your goodself and the Corporation are making to alleviate public suffering which has been caused by recent fires in the city we beg to offer that all available space in the college premises and the open ground will be placed at the disposal of the Bombay Corporation for whatever use you may deem fit to make of it. We have requested one of our eminent public worker S. Partap Singhji, to make contact with you in this connection and see what useful service we can render in this public calamity.

Incidentally, we may mention that about four hundred evacuees from the affected areas were sheltered in the college premises and fed by the local public, students organisation and the neighbouring educational institutions. This arrangement will continue until the trouble subsides.

We beg to inform that due to the unforeseen occurrence of yesterday we have removed our office to Ganpat Napoo Building, 4th Floor, New Chinchbunder, Bombay 9.

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Domestic Occurrences

DEATHS

KHATA RUXMANIBAI, beloved mother of Dharamdas and Purshotamdas Bhogilal expired on Sunday. Uthamna ceremony on Monday 17-4-1944 at 5-40 (N. S. T.), at 215, Kalbadevi Road.

MANJAR—BHANUMATI, wife of Manbhoy B. Manjar, Solicitor, Municipal Legal Assistant, expired on Saturday the 15th inst. at 5-35 (N.S.T.) Uthamna ceremony, to-day Monday the 17th, at 6 p.m. (N.S.T.) at "Garden House" Dadyseth Road, 2nd Cross Lane, behind Band Stand, Chaupatty.

To-day's Engagements

THE GARDEN PARTY of Mr. Mathuradas Dwarkadas in honour of Mr. J. C. Setalvad fixed for to-day (Monday) at 6-45 p.m. (S. T.), at the Radio Club has been cancelled.

A QAWWALI PARTY to-day (Monday) at 9-30 pm. (N. S. T.), at Usmanabad, (Behind the Bank of India) off Hill Road, Bandra. Mr. Mahomed Husein Hasham Premji will preside.

VEGETABLE, FRUIT AND FLOWER SHOW: A prize-distribution function will be held in the Conference Room of the B. E. S. T. at Electric House, Ormiston Road, Colaba, Bombay, to-day (Monday) at 6 p.m. (S. T.), when prizes will be given away to the winners and a short coloured film taken of the show will also be shown. The prizes will be distributed by Mrs. Lilavati Munshi. These prizes are in addition to the cups already given away on the opening of the show on 7th March by Mr. M. R. Masani.

Bombay Fire And General Insurance Co., Ltd.

The Report of Directors of the Bombay Fire and General Insurance Co. Ltd., is published, from which a few paras are extracted:—

The Directors submit their Report upon the transaction of the Co. for the year ended 31st December 1943.

Net Premiums after deduction of refunds and reinsurances amounted to Rs. 5,94,153-3-2 while Losses paid and outstanding were Rs. 1,20,165-4-0. The Commission and Expenses of Management amounted to Rs. 2,30,067-0-8. The Fire Fund now stands at Rs. 2,53,661-4-6. Net Premiums after deduction of refunds and reinsurances amounted to Rs. 3,55 490-4-11 while Losses paid and outstanding were Rs. 3,70,430-8-11.

Interest, transfer fees etc., amounted to Rs. 23,872-3-9. The profits from Fire and Accident Revenue Accounts amount to Rs. 1,62,259-14-6. This amount together with the last year's balance of Rs. 1,00,414-5-1 less other expenses of Rs. 6,370-14-9 amounts to Rs. 2,80,175-8-7 out of which a sum of Rs. 2,33,939-2-1 is transferred to Marine Revenue Account, leaving Rs. 46 236-6-6 which has been carried forward to next year's account.

PORBANDAR RULER'S DONATION

BOMBAY, April 15.

The Maharajah of Porbandar has announced a donation of Rs. 15,000 for the relief of distress resulting from the fire in the dock area in Bombay.—A. P.

No Need Of Rivalry Between Screen And Stage

Balgandharva Justifies Presence Of Music In Plays

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The celebration of the centenary of the Marathi stage was inaugurated on Saturday night with a message from Mr. K. P. Khadilkar, the veteran playwright of Maharashtra. In a humorously worded suitable speech, Mr. P. K. Atre welcomed nearly 3,000 people who have patronised this two-week show. His proposal that Mr. N. S. Rajahansa alias Balagandharva do take the chair was seconded and supported by Mr. A. H. Gadre, Mr. D. A. Tuljapurkar and Prof. A. B. Gajendragadkar.

Several messages wishing success to the celebration were received. Among them was one by Mr. N. C. Kelkar who expressed the hope that Bombay's lovers of the Marathi theatre would make it possible for a theatre to be built that would be exclusively reserved for plays.

Balgandharva reviewed the present condition of the Marathi stage and recalled the old days, through which it prospered. He expressed the view that the screen had a number of advantages over the stage but they were its disadvantages also and there was no reason for the stage to die. Only it would have to change its form and ways in conformity with the new tastes of the audiences and their requirements. He denied the charge against him and his contemporaries that music had led to the decay of the stage. He supported his argument by pointing out the Marathi stage was born with music in its mouth and was nourished on it. He had yet to see also a single film that had no music in it.

He welcomed the efforts that were being made to reform the Marathi stage. He declared that the view that female roles must be played by women was no more controversial and paid a tribute to the success that Mrs. Jyotsna Bhole had made as an actress and songstress. He only pleaded for grateful recognition of the services that he and his contemporaries had rendered to the Marathi stage and he did not want that to be made light of.

Mr. Varerkar's play 'Saraswat' was then staged in which Mr. Altekar, Mr. Varde, Miss Sushila Lotlikar, Mrs. Nayampalli and others acted.

DELHI TO RUSH FOOD GRAINS TO BOMBAY

NEW DELHI, April 16: It is learned that the Government of India are taking immediate steps with the help of other Provinces to accelerate the despatch of foodgrains to Bombay to replace stocks which have been destroyed by Friday's fire.

It is also understood that the rationing arrangements in Bombay city and supplies to deficit district will remain unaffected.

Rations For Carnac Road Area

BOMBAY, Sunday: Alternative arrangements have been made for the issue of foodgrain supplies to authorized retail distributions, including co-operative societies and communal stores, who were previously getting their supplies from the Carnac Road godown, says the Public Relations Officer, Rationing. These distributors will now get their supplies from Monday morning onwards from the Government Godown, Ismailia Mills, Currey Road. Due to heavy rush of work at these godowns the existing labour is being overworked and it would, therefore, be helpful if the distributors bring some labourers with them. It is made clear, however, that distributors who do not bring their labourers will also get supplies but the issue work will be expedited if they bring their own workers.

HOMELESS MUST GO TO RELIEF CENTRES

BOMBAY, Sunday: It has been noticed that several families who have been dishoused on account of the fire and who have left their houses of their own accord are not aware of the arrangements made by the authorities for their temporary accommodation, feeding and clothing. As a result several persons are leaving the city on foot with their belongings or camping in open spaces without knowing what to do. Arrangements are being made to advise these people to take advantage of the relief facilities now organised.

The Government strongly urges them in their own interest to accept this advice and to take advantage of the facilities provided instead of subjecting themselves to the hardship of a long and unnecessary journey or of camping in the open. persons in need of relief should apply to the nearest relief centre or to a Municipal Ward Office or police station.

GOVERNOR'S CALL TO NURSES

There is an urgent need of volunteer nurses in the hospitals in Bombay. This need is likely to continue for a period of about two weeks. H.E. the Governor appeals to all persons having nursing experience to offer their services either whole time or part time. In order to ensure that such assistance should be properly coordinated and used to the best advantage it is requested that those willing to offer their services should communicate as soon as possible with the Lady Superintendent St. John's Ambulance Brigade Headquarters, 141, Mint Road, Fort.

Members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade is not entailed but the requirements of all hospitals are known at this headquarters and help is already being supplied to them.

Sheriff's Meeting To-day

A meeting of leading citizens, convened by the Sheriff of Bombay, Sir Shantidas Askuran, will be held in the Municipal Corporation Hall at 6 p.m. to-day (Monday) to express sympathy for the sufferers and to consider how the relief work organised by the Municipality can be supplemented.

PEDESTRIAN EVACUEES CAMP at Bombay-Agra Road, Mulund, conducted by Bawa Parduman Singh Charitable Trust, under the auspices of the Punjab and Frontier Association will provide food and shelter free to the needy sufferers and victims of the explosion fire.

The needy sufferers and victims of the explosion and fire will be provided free food and shelter by the Punjab and Frontier Association, 399-A, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay 2, (opposite Bhatia Mahajan Wadi).

Dance Festival At Dil Pazir Fete

The open-air theatre at Dil Pazir was crowded with dance enthusiasts on Saturday and Sunday night to see the dance festival. The setting was vastly different from the smoke-filled theatre, and elaborate back-drops we are accustomed to and was a amalgam of the rustic simplicity of a huge fairy-lighted tree and bamboo fringed stage, with the modern marvel of stage lighting. On limbs of the tree, huge coloured arc lamps were artfully hidden and the microphone came through from amplifiers hidden in the foliage. The originality of this decor was in keeping with the jungle atmosphere of Dil Pazir and was unusual as the organiser, Mrs. Sabawalla herself!

BOY RUN OVER BY TAXI

BOMBAY, Sunday.

One Nanu Bubulal (10) was knocked down by a taxi bearing the No. B. M. T. 870 at 12 noon, when he was trying to cross Vincent Road from east to west. The boy fell on the tram-track and the taxi ran over him. He was removed to the K. E. M. Hospital where he died.

U. P. COMMITTEE FOR KASTURBA MEMORIAL

LUCKNOW, April 16

A Provincial Committee was formed this morning at a public meeting held in the Municipal Hall to collect funds for the Kasturba Memorial Fund. Raja Maheshwar Dayal Seth of Kotra presided.—A. P.

KOLHAPUR FOUNDS SPIRITUAL CENTRE

Jagatguru Welcomes Move That Will "Mould Present Generation"

(From A Correspondent.)

KOLHAPUR, (By Mail.)

"Mammon graces this state and materially it has rapidly progressed. It is over-balanced with material prosperity and the esoteric side of life is palpably absent. Hence a spiritual centre becomes an absolute necessity."

Thus said Dr. K. V. Mulabagala practising in spiritual healing in Bombay, before a large number of well-known persons of Kolhapur, in the evening of 8th April, under the presidentship of His Holiness Kshatra Jagatguru of Kolhapur at the Vidya-Peeth High School, on the occasion of founding a Spiritual Centre here. Sir Raghunathrao Subnis, ex-Diwan of Kolhapur, Rao Bahadur K. N. Panditrao ex-High Court Judge, Kolhapur, Rao Bahadur R. N. Tawade, I.S.O., Retired Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bombay, were among those present.

The President and Dr. Mulabagala were garlanded.

The President, then made an impressive speech giving out the religious aspects in India and the necessity of the Spiritual Centre during these days of materialism to mould the present generation which was seething with discontent, and praying to God Almighty to confer blessings on the Centre.

Prof. Raghunathrao (Sykes Law College, Kolhapur) then thanked the President and the chief guest, Dr. Mulabagala. He then thanked Rao Sahib Madurkar in his attempt to awaken the high and low, rich and poor in the new outlook. The proceedings came to a close by the "Bhajan" of Sri Nigadika Buwa.

The proceedings lasted three days. On the first day Dr. Mulabagala spoke on "The necessity of a Spiritual Centre at Kolhapur". Sir Raghunathrao Subnis, ex-Diwan, expressed his appreciation in these words: The speech was very wonderful for 3 reasons: oratory eloquence, and specially, practicality.

C. I. D. REPORTERS AT CONGRESS MEETING

LUCKNOW, April 15: The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Lucknow, accompanied by two other police officers visited the Municipal Hall this afternoon where an informal meeting of U.P. Congress leaders was held and conveyed to the convenors of the meeting the District Magistrate's order directing them to allow four C.I.D. reporters at their tomorrow's more representative meeting. The order, the police officr pointed out, was being conveyed to them under orders of the U.P. Government.

The order was discussed by the meeting, which eventually decided to write to the District Magistrate agreeing to the presence of C.I.D. reporters at tomorrow's meeting.

BAN ON 'PALESTINE DAY' PROCESSIONS

HYDERABAD, (Sind) April 15: The District Magistrate has prohibited all processions in connection with the celebration of 'Palestine Day' in Hyderabad.

ARRESTS AT CUTTACK

CUTTACK, April 14: Two persons who refused to give their names or addresses were arrested last evening for shouting Congress slogans in connection with National Week celebrations.

Thirteen detenus under D.I.R. 26, belonging to Cuttack District, who have been released from Berhampore Central Jail arrived at Cuttack last night.

The residence and office of Rai Sahib B. N. Sircar, Deputy Intelligence Officer, Central Intelligence Office was set on fire on April 12. Only a portion of the roofing was burnt before it was put out.—A. P.

COMMUNISTS CONVICTED

LUCKNOW, April 15: Prahland Shrimali, Secretary, Lucknow District Committee of the Communist Party in India, and Nazeem Khan have been convicted under Sec. 18 of the Press Act for printing and distributing a manifesto of the Communist Party and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 25 each in default to undergo two months' simple imprisonment.—A. P.

14 ARRESTED UNDER D. I. R.

LUCKNOW, April 14: Attempts were made yesterday to take out processions in the Aminabad area and on Hewett and Abbot roads. Police arrived to the scene and arrested under the Defence of India Rules 14 persons, including a woman, who were carrying Congress flags and shouting slogans.—A. P.

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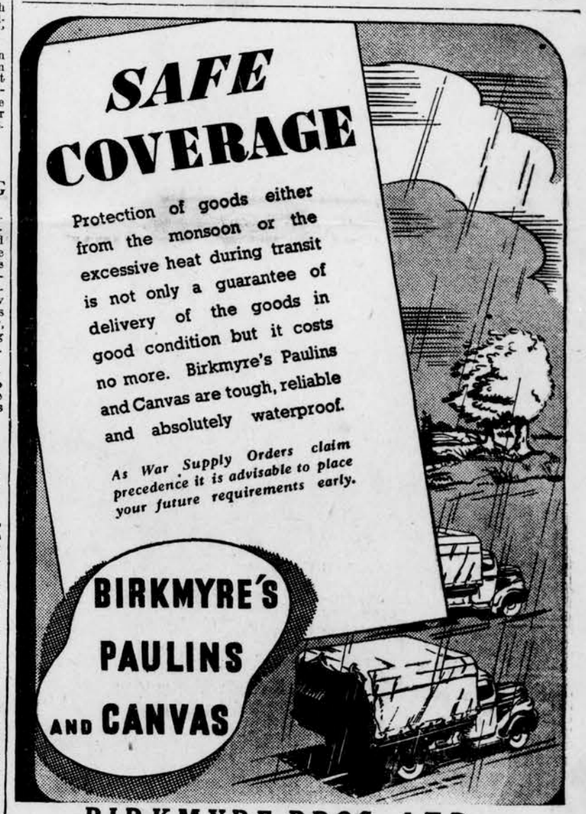

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All-India Weather

POONA, April 16.

Following is the weather-chart showing the medium and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours on April 12, 1944:

Allahabad 93 69 0; BOMBAY 94 76 0; Calcutta 97 76 0; Cawnpore 99 68 0; Cuttack 100 73 0; Darjeeling 55 46 0.1; Delhi 100 65 0; Dehra Dun 86 60 0; Jacobabad 106 71 0; Karachi 83 74 0; Lahore 96 68 0; Lucknow 99 67 0; Madras 95 74 0; Nagpur 104 72 0; Patna 95 72 0; Peshawar 82 61 0; Shillong nil; Simla 71 56 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The blessings of fortune are the lowest; the next are the bodily advantages of strength and health; but the superlative blessings, in fine, are those of the mind.

—L'Estrange.

The Bombay Chronicle

RELIEF ORGANISATION

It will be a relief to millions that the fire in the city which broke out on Friday afternoon and which raged all night long was brought under control on Saturday morning and is now smouldering where it is not extinguished. It is not yet possible to indicate publicly with any definiteness the destruction of life and property caused by the fire. Some restriction on publicity is understandable in the peculiar circumstances that have attended the tragedy that has befallen the city. But Government should give the Press every possible facility to ascertain full facts about the fire and the loss of property caused thereby. This is necessary not only to prevent rumours but also to enable the public to organise relief on a sufficiently wide scale. The reassuring statement issued by Sir Shantidas Askuran and Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas brings into relief the necessity and urgency of providing the same facilities to the representatives of the Press as were given to these two prominent citizens to visit the affected areas. They have been able to assure the public that the reports current among them about the damage were highly exaggerated.

That leads one to the all-import task of organising relief. It is good to know that Government, the Municipality and the public have already moved in the matter, though much will depend on their scales of relief. Government, according to the Controller of Rationing, have made arrangements for feeding persons rendered homeless. Supplies which will last for half a week are being made on written authority from a ward rationing officer to the charitable institutions which have organised relief kitchens. We trust the period of half a week will be extended as and when found necessary. Government have also announced that, as stocks of grain are among the material destroyed, this will not affect the rationing arrangement now in force. We are glad Government have no intention of curtailing the rations, because to do so now will make it difficult for the people to give relief in their own homes to relatives and friends, and unless relief is thus widely decentralised it will not be adequate.

As regards relief by non-official organisations, the brunt of the work needs to be borne by the Municipality in addition to whatever relief may be organised as a result of the informal meeting convened by Mr. Masani, ex-Mayor, and the Municipal Commissioner and by the meeting of leading citizens convened by the Sheriff for this evening. Congressmen, including the members of the Congress Municipal Party, have already started relief work. So have a number of institutions like the Muslim League and All-India Women's Conference, and many more are expected to follow suit. It is to be hoped there will be due co-ordination between the various relief institutions. It is to be hoped, too, that the public will promptly and generously contribute service as well as funds to the mission of relief.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Sebastopol Doomed?

Unless all the present signs are misleading, Sebastopol is doomed and is destined to fall into the hands of the Red Army before many days pass. No doubt, the naval base is the strongest that the Soviet had built in the Black Sea, and in German hands during the past two years its defences must have been further strengthened. But in defence it is not the bastions and guns alone that count. What of the morale of the defenders? With the knowledge that practically the whole of occupied Soviet territory has been wrested back from Axis hands and that Crimea itself is being fast liquidated by the Red Army, would the defenders of Sebastopol be able to put up fight in any but a despondent spirit? The severe pounding it has just received at the hands of Soviet is bound to accelerate the process of demoralisation, especially when, as is evident, there does not seem to be any adequate defensive air force in that base which can ward off Allied attacks. With the capture of Simferopol by the Reds, the last railway link with the north of the peninsula is lost to the city and it should not take long for the two forces of General Tolbukhin which are converging on it from the north and north-west to capture it.

Rome

The Pope's pathetic appeal to the belligerents to save Rome, reiniored as it was by public opinion throughout the civilised world, has apparently not fallen on deaf ears, and proposals are under consideration, at least on the Allied side, now best to dimilitarise the city. In this connection, the American Senator Bridges has made the suggestion that President Roosevelt should take the lead in the creation of a Commission drawn from the United Nations and the Axis under the chairmanship of the Pope to consider the matter. As the Pope enjoys the confidence of both the Allies and the Axis, he is admirably suited to achieve the end in view. The Allies have more than once expressed their genuine desire to do everything in their power to spare the city, but if the Axis Powers persist in exploiting the city's strategical position for military operations and other war purposes, the Allies would have no alternative but to take steps to prevent the Germans from making such use of the city. Would the Pope succeed in persuading the Axis to dimilitarise the city? It is rather difficult to say.

A New Japanese Threat

The report that during the past few days fighting has been gradually developing south-west of Imphal in the Bishenpore-Silchar Road area goes to indicate that the Japanese may try to bypass Imphal in a determined attempt to reach Silchar Road, which lies due west of Imphal, since it is also the railhead of a short branch line of the Assam-Bengal Railway, and, if captured, will place them in a position to cut the Railway in this direction. The Japanese are already striving their level best to capture the northern railhead at Dimapur, pushing north-west from Kohima. Though they have thrust themselves within half a dozen miles of Imphal from the north and north-east, the plain in front of the capital may prove too embarrassing to them in the face of the Allied air forces which are lying ready to batter them should they venture out further. The new push from the south towards Silchar Road seems to indicate that the investment of Imphal may not materialise immediately and in its stead, the Japanese may create a diversion by way of a serious thrust westward with a view to make a breach in the Assam-Bengal Railway in this area. The next few days will disclose whether this is really their objective. To what extent the 17th Indian Division, which has retired from Tiddim to Imphal recently, will be in a position to prevent any Japanese thrust in the direction of the Railway is not possible to say definitely, but one hopes that there are adequate forces in this area effectively to foil the Japanese designs.

Who Got The Money?

Replying to a question in the Central Assembly on the 4th instant whether it was a fact that the Labour department made a monthly contribution of Rs. 13.000 to the Indian Labour Federation through Mr. M. N. Roy and if so for what purpose, the Labour Member, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, said that "a monthly grant of Rs. 13.000 was made to the Indian Federation of Labour for doing propaganda to keep up the morale of Industrial Labour". Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, President of the Federation, who must have been present in the Assembly at this time, did not question the correctness of the reply. He has now issued a statement saying that "the Indian Federation of Labour receives no financial assistance of Rs. 13.000 as recently alleged in the press." How can the two statements be reconciled. If they cannot be, which is true and which false? If the amount has been paid, as it seems certain to have been, and if it is not paid to the Federation, to whom has it been paid? Dr. Ambedkar or Mr. M. N. Roy should throw more light on this intriguing affair and show that it is not a fishy job.

Prohibition Propaganda

Mr. Frederick Grub of the Anglo-Indian Temperance Association of London states an unquestioned truth when he says that, though opinions may differ as to the practicability of prohibition in the West, "in India it commands almost universal approval". He has always been a staunch supporter of prohibition in India and naturally deplores the withdrawal of the reform from various districts wherein it was introduced by Congress Governments. This undoing of the enormous good that prohibition had achieved is black deed of the present regime of autocracy. Congress workers who are now free should take up the matter seriously as part of the constructive work they propose to carry on. Prohibition by legislation is now suspended. But prohibition by persuasion is possible to a large extent and should be tried wherever possible.

"Meezan"

A notable addition to the list of daily newspapers in India is the 'Meezan' of Hyderabad which recently made its first appearance in Hyderabad (Deccan). A notable feature of 'Meezan' is that it is published simultaneously in three languages, English, Urdu and Telugu, thus catering for all sections of the population in the Deccan.

Mr. Gulam Mahomed A. Calcuttawala, a prominent businessman of Bombay, is the enterprising pioneer of this adventure in daily journalism and is himself the Editor. Having practically retired from business Mr. Gulam Mahomed has taken up journalism. In his initial effort he has displayed the enterprise that distinguished him in his business career. The paper will pursue an independent line in the sphere of editorial policy.

The Bombay Government has cancelled its notifications fixing the prices of Bayer's and Schering's products, as the great majority of these drugs still in stock are unsaleable and the very small quantities of saleable drugs still available are adequately covered by the prices fixed under the Drugs Control Order. For the same reason, the notifications fixing the prices of "Dagenan" Oily Suspension and "Dagenan" Sodium Aqueous Solution are also cancelled.

Our Readers' Views

"CASTE MUST GO"

II

Mr. Sanjana wants us to Hellenise-Westernise our minds. Let us see how far the acceptance of this sane advice in toto will benefit us. Let us first of all take the principles of Hellenic civilization and then compare them with our own 'Arya' (not Aryan) civilization, and try to find out how far we should proceed in accepting the former. Mr. Horace H. Wilson, F.R.S., the celebrated Sanscrit research scholar in the preface to his translation of Kapila's Sankhya Karikas, says: "That the Hindus derived any of their philosophical ideas from the Greeks seems very improbable; and if there is any borrowing in the case the latter were most probably indebted to the former". Says Shri Aravinda Ghosh in his essays on the Gita, "The wrath of God against sinner, God's hatred against the wicked are the fables of half enlightened creeds, as much a fable as the external torture of the hells they have invented. But the old Indian spiritualist clearly showered as much compassion on the powerful titan (Danava) erring by his strength and slain for his sins as on the sufferer and oppressed who have to be saved from the Danava's violence and injustice. So the creed of the Aryan fighter is 'know God know thyself, and help man.... Destroy when destruction advances the world but hate not that is destoyed.'" In the Puranas God Vishnu in his Avataras is described to have killed the Danavas Hiranyaksha and Hiranyakashipu. But after their death Vishnu confers Moksha (salvation) on them and makes them as Jaya and Vijaya the gate keepers of Vaikunta his heavenly abode. Ravana is supposed to have attained Nirvana after his death at the hands of Rama. Shri Ramachandra mourns for Ravana after his death just as his (Ravana's) brother Vibhishana, and performs his funeral rites with the utmost solemnity. Nor are these heroes spared if they behaved in any way not befitting an Arya. (Anaryajushtam). The demigod Rama is blamed for killing his adversary Vali by taking shelter behind a tree. King Dharma Raj the Pandava hero the embodiment of virtue is made to spend some time in hell because he was a party to the conspiracy to deceive Dronacharya, bv telling a white lie. Sita, the embodiment of whatever there is noble and virtuous in feminine nature, is our ideal of womanhood.

Now contrast with these the ideals of Hellenic creed. The Hellenic nero the Grecian demigod Achilles who after killing his adversary the noble Hector in the Trojan war, ties his dead body to the wheels of his chariot and drags it down along the streets of Troy. Now what about their heroine Helen? Paris goes to Sparta and induces Helen the wife of Menalaus to elope with him, and then she is made the chief heroine of the epic Iliad, just as Sita is made the heroine of the epic Ramayana.

What some of the Western nations did to spread their culture along with their empire may be known from the following passage from the book "The story of the Pacific" written by Hendrik Willem van Loon. He says: "But even in the time of Lord Amherst the memory of those happy days survived, for his lordship in several letters expressed regret that the newly risen fad of humanitarianism did not allow him to follow the example of the Spanish Conquistadores. And so for the lack of that more direct method he used to present the heathen with the clothes recently worn by the victims of smallpox. It took a little longer but in the end the result was just the same. The noble lord died in the year 1797. Perhaps after all the world doth make some progress". (P. 125). So we have to think a little more about human nature and our own shortcomings before we start Hellenising ourselves. This Hellenising experiment has been tried by our countrymen in Goa for the last four centuries and there is every reason to think that the experiment has not been very successful and the people are showing a definite tendency to become "Aryas' (not Aryans) again.

Now let us see what some Westerners have to say about the desirability of the Indians getting Hellenised. Says the great German Buddhist scholar Paul Dahlke in his book "Buddhist Essays":—"To speak frankly we have up till now despised turning toward our heritage on the Ganges simply because we have failed to comprehend its great value. Others say that all about the low level of Indian morality. It is certainly so far as outward signs go far superior to the Christian variety. In a silent under current, India the world source of religion sends to our fast living almost dried up continent ever new waves of fresh religious feeling, and this is the passive mission of Buddhism and Vedant."

Mr. W. Norman Brown writes in Bulletin No. 28, May 1939 issued by the American council of Learned Societies:—"When Schuapenhuer read the Upanishads in a Latin translation of a Persian translation from the Sanskrit, he found that he had at last found in these texts the comfort of his life and the solace of his death.... The aim is to indicate by brief reference the importance which Indian civilization has had for the world, still has and may be expected to have with the deduction that demands our extended study.... It takes no gift of prophecy to predict that the world will include a vigorous India possibly free, conceivably a dominant power in the Orient and certainly intellectually vital and productive.... We believe consequently that no department of study particularly in the humanities in any major universities can be fully equipped without a properly trained specialist in the Indic phases of its descipline". These are some of the views of Western thinkers about Indian or 'Arya' civilization.

Now about Mulukgiri system. I doubt if any lover of Maratha history has any good word to say about Mulukgiri. If Bajirao (elder), Nanasaheb and Madhavrao, had not introduced the Saranjami system and had made friends with the great Indian banking houses of Guptas, Umichands, and Nankumars, like what Clive Warren Hastings and Wellesley did later on to organise their state finances, and not depended on Mulukgiri to replenish their imperial treasury, the Marathas would most probably have been occupying the imperial throne of Delhi to-day. But that is past history.

The letter has been too long a one and it is time to give rest to the pen as well as to the 'Zaban'. Mr. Sanjana has already sent a threat "Hum bhi muh men zaban rakhten hain". So it is desirable that the 'zaban's' utility in other field's also must be taken into account. Says a Hindi poet, "So hi rasana yo Hari guna gave" i.e. 'The function of the tongue is to sing the glory of God Almighty.' Perhaps in these days when the spectre of famine and pestilence is stalking the land 'Zaban's' utility as described by the Persian poet Saadi may be more acceptable. Says the poet:—"GAR AZ SHUKR-E IZAD NA BANDI ZABAN: BE DAST AVARI DAULAT-E JAVEDAN".

"If you do not stop your tongue from giving thanks to God you will get everlasting wealth".

"K".

ACLAND COMMENDS INDIAN EDITORS' LETTER TO VICEROY

Prophesies Achievement Of Independence In Five Years

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 14

In the company of several Dominion correspondents Sir Richard Acland, Parliamentary Leader of the Commonwealth Party, discussed at a luncheon yesterday, Post-war Britain and British Empire. He said, his party was convinced that within 15 years absolutely at the outside, there would be a social revolution without shedding blood in Britain which would result in complete transfer of control to the people. There would not be any company directors, guiltedged securities or even stock exchanges. There would be complete comnon ownership of everything, even brass tacks. This might happen under the leadership of the revitalised and dynamic Labour Party with the Commonwealth playing the role of a junior partner.

Discussing Empire relations, Sir Richard Acland prophesied that within five years, India would walk out of the Empire. "Nothing can stop it. Conservatives and other British capitalists know it. That is why they are attempting even in the midst of war to strengthen their hold on India but history will repeat itself and just what happened to America and Ireland is bound to happen to India—with this difference that we will have a better India than America and Ireland because, unlike America and Ireland, India will come under the influence whether you like it or not of Soviet philosophy of life and also at any rate, under some influence of the Chinese way of thinking."

EDITORS' LETTER TO VICEROY COMMENDED

Sir Richard Acland then discussed several solutions recently suggested for resolving the deadlock in India and said to me: "Please tell your 112 Editors that I appreciate their own effort in this direction, the spirit that animated their writing to Lord Wavell I think their statement to the Viceroy abundantly reflects the sincerity of the Editors, their anxiety for their beloved country. I cannot see how the appeal, couched in such moderate and conciliatory language, the appeal which offers wholehearted cooperation, can ever be spurned by the Viceroy who has a reputation for liberal thinking. This is a first-class opportunity for Lord Wavell to take advantage of the letter and adopt the course suggested by the Editors.

As I said earlier, Indian people are determined to get rid of foreign domination. So let us do the graceful thing by withdrawing first. A sane step is what Indian editors suggested in their letter to Lord Wavell."

"SEAC" AND THE SOLDIER

Printed In "Statesman's" Press It Is His Own Paper

(From D. G. KARAKA, "Chronicle" War Correspondent)

CALCUTTA, April 25.

Little is known in India of "SEAC", the newspaper. "SEAC" is produced in the "Statesman's" head office in Calcutta for the fighting men in the forward areas. The "Statesman" provides facilities entirely free of charge as a war gift. The policies and staffs of the "Statesman" and "Seac" are distinct. In a footnote "Seac" says that it does not accept responsibility for the other's comments. Printed by Amullya Dhone Bose, it is published by Frank Owen and edited by Ian Coster and Len Jackson.

It appears that when Lord Louis Mountbatten took over the Southeast Asia Command there were two points to which he wanted to attach some importance. The one was that the British public should have the best, earliest and quickest news of the men fighting under him and the other that the men should have news from home other than letters from friends and relatives. "Seac" was started to cater for the second of these needs. To run this paper they got a first rate Fleet street journalist, Frank Owen. Owen was a Beaverbrook find. I had heard it said in London that Owen was covering a Welsh coal mine story for a provincial paper which Beaverbrook happened to read. In his inimitable 'ashion, "it is alleged", Beaverbrook pressed a button in his "Daily Express" office and pointing to the Arsicke said: "Get the man". The story is too good to be verified. That day Frank Owen hit Fleet Street in a big way. Much of what he wrote appeared on the feature page of the "Daily Express" which had a circulation of over two million and very nearly three. In England before the war the men and women of Britain read Frank Owen because he was stimulating to read. He echoed the thoughts and feelings of the common man of Britain—the man who was a little confused with what was happening.

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Coster on the other hand was a sports critic and Jackson was on the "Daily Mail." The combine came to tackle the job which Mountbatten had entrusted to them. In spite of the flutter in the House of Commons when questions were asked about Owen being a brigadier which he is not—for Frank is "only a second Lieutenant." This 'Seac' team has won for itself the warm affection not only of the men, but also of the Generals of the South-eaest Asia Command. Recently General Cowan of the Secenteenth Division wrote to say how much 'Seac' meant to his men in the days when they were cut off and were fighting from a box. Nor was this empty praise, for everywhere I met on that Burma Front from Arakan to Imphal, every English reading soldier looked forward to his 'Seac'.

Every morning a special plane leaves Calcutta only to deliver copies of 'Seac' to various places on the front. On this plane 'Seac' has first priority. At some of the larger places the plane touches down, but when it is a small parcel it is supply dropped from the air. This a four-page paper on week days and eight on Sunday. The size is that of the "Sentinel". Its editorials are headed "Good Morning". They vary from repatriation to beer. The news is divided into wo classes. One is news of the front on which the men ace fighting. The other is news of and from Home—their home. There is a picture every day of some part of England or some phase of typical English life. This is captioned 'Home'. The men at the Front like it. It awakens something in their souls and it makes them feel they are fighting for something real.

Yet with all this 'Seac' has sufficient humour to make sure it would not become sloppy. Above all 'Seac' is very friendly. The personalities of the men who run it are beflected in the paper. It is the mind and thought of a gracious England of nice little people different from the England of politicians and statesmen which we have always met. The tone and tempo of 'Seac' can best be illustrated by extracts from its editorials. Here is a sample from its issue of April 10. It is about Sir Douglas McCraith's report on the labour racket. 'Seac' says: ".....What did it reveal? Whisky behind sold wholesale at double the reputable distiller's retail prices. Rum being sold at three times pre-war price. Vermouth at six times the pre-war prices. Sherry at seven times the pre-war price....." 'Seac' then tells how this liquor goes into the cellars of hundreds of night clubs in London. West End, while the ordinary club must hand up a sign 'no whisky', 'no rum' to go along side that other melancholy sign 'No beer.'

'Seac' goes on to say: "The most extraordinary aspect of the scandal is the decision of the Board of Trade to hush it up. The detailed report of Britain's biggest war-time swindle is not to be published.... Well. You can impose on the harrassed shop-keeper 564 different orders. You can have the farmer growing more food for the nation all day—sitting up half the night filling in forms as to how many toes a pig's trotter has. But you cannot fix the price of a whisky? Fix it then, ...Troops who have been fighting for Britain for years in snows and swamps could do with a mouthful of the old comforter soup. Ship it to the Fronts". No wonder the fighting men like 'Seac'. It is their own paper.

Profiteering In Milk

"It is high time that Government who are so anxious to restrict bonus, etc., took the milk question in hand immediately. The price of milk has now soared to as. 12 and 14 per seer, which is more than 200 per cent of the pre-war price, with an equally enhanced quantity of water. As prices of many things are now about 100 per cent over pre-war price level, Government may also allow upto 100 per cent increase in milk price, although such an increase will bear no relation to the meagre dearness allowance or even including the bonus paid by very few companies.

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Need For Economic Propaganda

Any economic Scheme or plan that may be proposed for India, is conditioned by two obvious facts, viz., (1) a foreign Government whose primary consideration would naturally be the best interest of its own country; and (2) the ignorance and inertia of the masses. Any scheme that disregards these two limitations, attempts to build its house on sand.

Of these two limitations, the latter one is more amenable to a domestic remedy than the former; and the purpose of this letter is to urge Indian publicists to proceed without more loss of time to band together and concentrate on removing them. The work so far done in this direction is infinitesimal and the result, negligible.

Speaking by and large, the masses are still existing in a state of the past. They have, for no fault of theirs, not yet outlived dead habit and are unable to help themselves to any large extent. Unless they are lifted out of the rut, dreams of greatness will prove like vapour in the air.

Concurrently, therefore, with the devising of economic plans, and indeed in the forefront of any such plans and as an essential and primary ingredient of them, there should be undertaken, a campaign that will make the masses wake up to reality and their potentiality.

A plan of intelligent propaganda, scientifically carried out, for popular education is called for here and now, if any economic scheme is to bear fruit. For propaganda to be effective, the framers of any economic plan would have to select good slogans; these slogans should have in them a kernel of truth; the propaganda should be repetitive; there should be thoroughly varied and colourful presentation; the propaganda must be addressed towards specific ends; it should be properly timed and it should be combined with education through newspapers, questionnaires, theatres, cinemas, letters, tours and in due course, with "gallup" votes, etc.

All this needs getting together a band of specialists, and—organising.

NAYAN H. PANDIA.

Municipal Election Results

In your issue of April 1, commenting on the election results of local bodies of Gujrat, you have said: "The only drawback in the Congress triumphs is that it seems to bave but slight hold on Muslim Constituencies". May I point out that the Congress has no hold whatsoever on the Muslim Constituencies in Gujarat. The Muslim League has captured all the Muslim seats in Viramgam, Ahmedabad and Broach, and in Surat 8 out of 10 Muslim seats were secured by the League This should be an eye opener to those who do not recognise the League as the representative body of the Mussalmans. Any further proof of its representative character, if wanted, can be given at the elections to Legislative Assemblies. Surely the day of reckoning cannot be indefinitely prolonged.

AZINOO.

Rural Labour & Food Problem

I entirely agree with your correspondent Dinkar Desai that the agricultural labourer must be provided with grain at a price which he can afford to pay. Indeed it is the central feature of Government's food policy to make grain available to all the poorer classes and not only to the agricultural labourers, at a price which they can afford to pay. At the same time, Government has accepted the principle that the price paid to the primary producer must be fair and liberal enough to encourage him to produce in greater abundance. There appears to be only one way of achieving both these desirable but apparently irreconcilable objects. The price charged to the inhabitants of the rural areas should be regulated solely by the buying capacity of the poorer classes irrespective of the price paid by Government to the primary producer, while the inhabitants of the urban areas should be made to pay any loss resulting from this by a proportionate increase in the price charged to them. The vast majority of the poorer classes live in rural areas and such of them as live in towns generally get either dearness allowance or are helped by communal organizations or charitable institutions or cheap grain shops.

P. J. TALEYARKHAN

Surat.

Curbing Hur Menace

Special Commissioner Explains Measures

KARACHI, April 14.

The measures taken by the authorities to curb the recrudescence of Hur outrages were described by Mr H. T. Lambrick, Special Commissioner for the Hur Area in an interview here to-day.

Mr Lambrick said that as soon as he heard the report of an Hur raid at Sanghar in which six persons were murdered in cold blood, he proceeded to village and troops were requisitioned. With their help operations were started against the Hur gang, who were hiding near the Makhi Forest. A spirited encounter ensued in which two Hur outlaws were shot dead and on the police side two military sepoys were slightly wounded. One of the Hur outlaws killed was a close associate of Mattoo Khaskheli, the leader of the Hur gang responsible for the derailment of the Lahore Mail.

Mr. Lambrick said that since the withdrawal of Martial Law a number of Hur leaders either had been captured or killed. About 200 dangerous Hurs had been sent to detention camps in the Bombay Presidency and plans were being executed to establish ten settlements in Sind for keeping other arrested Hurs. Two thousand Hurs are presently lodged in Concentration Camp.

Mr. Lambrick added that two Special Police Officers had been posted in the Hur area for rounding up Hur gangsters, who were still at large—A. P.

Scheduled Castes Are Part And Parcel Of Hindus

Mr. Karam Chandra, General Secretary, All-India Shraddhanand Dalitodhar Sabha, Delhi, writes:—

The Scheduled Castes Conference held recently at Cawnpore under the auspices of Dr. Ambedkar's party, has demanded 'separate electorates', 'separate rights' and 'separate colonies' for the scheduled castes

It is peculiar that on one side they should complain of their backward condition and on the other take pride in being called 'scheduled.' In this game they get nothing but a few services in the Government.

All this hue and cry of the Ambedkar party is but to create a separate home in India for the scheduled castes. Just as the nuisance of 'separate electorate' has given birth to the Pakistan idea in the Muslims it would not take the scheduled castes long to claim themselves a separate nation.

I, as the General Secretary of the All-India Dalit Udhar Sabha, bring this to their notice that the so-called 'scheduled castes' are a part and parcel of the Hindus and will ever remain so. I regard their demand of 'Separatism' not only a death blow to themselves but also to the integrity, and freedom of the country.

At the same time, I also warn the Government, that they should not be misled by Dr. Ambedkar to believe that the 'Hindu religion' and 'faith' has ceased to make appeal to the scheduled castes and that they will follow Dr. Ambedkar for loaves and fishes.

Hurs Attack P. W. D. Officer

MIRPURKHAS, April 14.

A gang of Hurs is reported to have raided last night the P. W. D. Bungalow at Khipro, in Thar Parkar District, where the Executive Engineer, Mithro canal, was then camping, the outlaws opened fire mortally wounding one of the guards. The Executive Engineer and other guards picked up rifles and replied to the fire whereupon the raiders fled.—A. P.

Hindus And Intestate Succession

An appeal is made to the Hon. Members of the Legislative Assembly (Central), Delhi by the B.P. Landowners' Association, and the Satara Dist. Landowners' Association from Karad (Satara Dist.) in the course of which it is stated it is understood that the Bill to amend and codify the Hindu Law relating to intestate succession is being placed before the Assembly during the present session, for passing into law. We sincerely request you not to pass the Bill for the following reasons among others:—

It is stated that the Bill is circulated for public opinion, but there is no opportunity to express the same.

The Bill has excluded the succession to agricultural lands because the Central Legislature has no power to pass laws regarding agricultural lands. Even law regarding succession is of concurrent Jurisdiction, but law regarding agricultural lands is a subject mentioned in the List of Provincial Legislature. The present Bill if passed is to come into force from the beginning of 1946. This means that the Governors of the Provinces, where no legislatures are functioning are to pass the law on the subject. This is a very important subject and so the law regarding the succession to agriculture land should be passed only with the vote of elected representatives of the people.

The bill contemplates changes which sap the very foundation of the Joint-Hindu family institution and lead to its disruption and to dissipation of property.

ANDHRA KASTURBA FUND

BEZWADA, April 15.

A meeting convened by Mr. B. Gopala Reddy, ex-Minister Madras, to constitute the Andhra Provincial Kasturba Memorial Committee held here this evening, elected Mr. Bulusu Sambamurthy, Mr. B. Gopala Reddy, and G. Durgabhai as President Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

By means of a resolution the Committee congratulated the Maharajah of Pithapur for his promise of Rs. 25,000 for the fund.

Mr. Sambamurthy will tour all-Andhra Districts for collection of funds.—A. P.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

NEW DELHI, April 4.

During question time in the Assembly Mr. Lalchand Navalrai asked the Labour Member whether it was a fact that his department made a monthly contribution of Rs. 13,000 to the Indian Labour Federation through Mr. M. N. Roy and if so for what purpose. The Labour Member, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, said a monthly grant of Rs. 13,000 was made to the Indian Federation of Labour for doing propaganda to keep up the morale of Industrial Labour.—A.P.

MADRAS, April 15.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta the President of the Indian Federation of Labour entirely contradicts the statement recently published that the Government of India have been paying Rs. 13,000 monthly to the Indian Federation of Labour for conducting any propaganda.—A.P.

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General MacArthur, in a letter, says: "The United States must not inadvertently slip into the same condition internally as the one which we fight externally.

Is he referring to racialism, by any chance? The Negroes would certainly like to have an answer!

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The interesting thing, however, is that General MacArthur makes the above observation in reply to a letter in which one Mr. Miller had expressed a fear of the "wave of Communism which seems about to engulf the European countries, Asia and South America."

Does the General mean "Communism" when referring to conditions "we fight externally"?

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Says the Communist Party organ, "The People's War":—

"On March 22, Moscow papers printed the edict of the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) of the U.S.S.R. announcing decorations awarded to fighters in the Anglo-American forces in North Africa and Italy. Among the winners of the awards for courage and valour in military operations against Hitlerite Germany, are two officers of the Indian armed forces. Captain Ram Singh was decorated with the ORDER OF KUTUZOV (3rd Class). Subedar Birla Singh Gurung was conferred the ORDER OF THE PATRIOTIC WAR (1st Class)."

We are afraid you have made a howler, Comrade Editor! It is very unfair of you to mention only TWO "officers of "Indian armed forces" while the awards were given to FIVE. Why is "People's War", shy of mentioning the names of three BRITISH officers who have been given SOVIET awards at the same time and mentioned as "officers of the INDIAN armed forces"?

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

Perpetrated by the Junior Colleague

(1) On Friday Flora Fountain was spurting fire and the "Chronicle" office was razed to the ground—only to rise, phoenix-like, from its ashes the next morning.

(2) Only fools like the Junior Colleague did not believe the "reliable" rumours and all the "wise men" of the town had complete "inside" information from their exclusive hush-hush sources.

(3) Active in the campaign on the Rumour Sector of the Panic Front were people who are searching for flats and can't get them owing to overcrowding.

Calcutta Cab Drivers Call Off Strike

CALCUTTA, Sunday: After three days absence from the streets of Calcutta, taxi cabs in the city resumed plying this afternoon.

The taxi drivers went on strike on April 13, following an incident at Howrah Station resulting in serious injury to a taxi-driver to which he succumbed subsequently. The decision to call off the strike was taken at a meeting of the taxi-owners and drivers this morning in view of the assurance given by the Commissioner of Police and the American Army authorities to redress their grievances.—A. P.

Kelkar And The Congress

Mr. Kelkar in the course of an article in the 'Mahratta' defending Mr. Jamnadas Mehta's voting with the Government on the Finance Bill says:—

My personal resentment is strong against the studied contempt, affected to be put upon the Hindu Mahasabha and other Independent Nationalist parties by all Congressmen, from Gandhiji down to any Govindji, from Mahatmaji down to any Madhavji. My resentment has grown so strong, that I sometimes feel tempted to express it by even offering to side with Government, if that can sufficiently express my condemnation of this blatant vanity and egotism of Mahatmaji and Co., in national politics. It is high time that the pride of these Congress bosses should be purged. They must be reminded that national politics is a game at which not one but two can play.

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Nawab Moin Nawaz Jung, Political Secretary and Secretary for Information and Broadcasting, H. E. H. the Nizam's Government, arrived in the City on April 16.—United Press.

Reconstruction Department At Work In Delhi

Trade Treaties, Raising Revenue And Organising Defence Under Consideration

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 15

Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar is expected to hold combined charge of Supply and Finance Departments during the absence from India of Sir Jeremy Raisman. The equality of India with self-governing Dominions in the matter of commercial treaty rights is believed to have been emphasised by the Reconstruction Department of the Government of India in a memorandum which will be placed before the Policy Committee shortly. India should be entitled to negotiate trade treaties with foreign countries such as Russia. She will not be hampered to develop her shipping and frame her tariff policy for which purpose the appointment of a whole-time Tariff Board is recommended.

A memorandum endorses the present policy of raising the revenues through levy of Excises instead of Customs Duties. It is claimed that the present control will have to continue for sometime after the war, particularly in the matter of capital. The present control of capital issue is mainly directed to mop up surplus money to combat inflation.

The post-war needs of India in the matter of Defence are also engaging the attention of the proper authorities. This subject has not been tackled by the Tata-Birla plan. The size of the standing army, the navy and the air force and the possibility of having trained reserves with periodical yearly training are likely features of this plan.

Finance is the crux of the whole reconstruction structure and a special officer is being appointed to examine various reconstruction proposals and make recommendations for raising revenues to finance them.

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Progress Of Bombay Fire And General Assurance Co., Ltd., For 1943

Chairman's Speech at the Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Bombay Fire & General Insurance Co., Ltd., held on Friday, the 14th April, 1944, at 2-45 p.m. (S.T.)

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the Directors' Report, the audited statement of accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1943. These have been in your hands for some time and with your permission I will take them as read.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The income in this connection has shown a very satisfactory increase, the net premium standing at Rs. 5,94,153-3-2. The losses paid were Rs. 1,20,165-4-0 (being 20.2%). The increase amounts to 59.38% of the premium written in 1942. Commission and expenses of management are Rs. 2,30,067-0-8 (being 38.7% of the premium). The Fire Fund now stands at Rs. 2,53,661-4-6. The carry forward to Profit & Loss Account this year is Rs. 1,55,366-8-4.

ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT: The revenue account of this Department shows a premium of Rs. 41,436-13-0 while the losses paid or outstanding were Rs. 11,107-8-0 (being 26.8% of the premium). The total expenses amounted to Rs. 20,363-14-3 (being 49.2%) and the Accident Fund now stands at Rs. 18,074-11-7. We are carrying forward to Profit & Loss Account from this Department Rs. 6,893-6-2.

MARINE DEPARTMENT: The marine account this year unfortunately shows an adverse result as the Company was caught in the serious catastrophe that occurred on the West Coast of India on the 18th May last year. The "Bombay Fire" takes pride in helping Indian trade in all its departments and as a large part of the present day traffic is being done by country craft, we had considerable liabilities in underwriting this hazardous marine risk. The net marine premium in 1943 went up to Rs. 3,55,490-4-11 but the losses paid were Rs. 3,70,430-8-11. The total expenses including commission amounted to Rs. 1,74,536-13-1 (being 49.1% of the premium). To meet the heavy losses during the year a sum of Rs. 2,33,939-2-1 has been transferred from the Profit and Loss account and the Marine Fund now stands at Rs. 2,66,617-12-0 (being 75% of the premium income).

As required by the Insurance Act, we have now deposited securities of the face value of Rs. 3,70,000 with the Reserve Bank of India and this completes our total deposits required by the Act.

On your behalf and also my own, I wish to express our thanks to the members of the staff and to our producers for their devoted services to the Company.

I now beg to move the following resolution:—

"That The Directors' Report and Audited Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1943, which have been printed and circulated to the members, be taken as read, approved and adopted."

DURBAN WARDS COMMITTEE RAISES NEW SLOGAN

South African Europeans Want White Republic

DURBAN, April 15: The Durban Joint Wards Committee in a letter to the Commissioner of Immigration and Asiatic Affairs, Pretoria, says:—

"The consequences of Senator Clarkson's intentions (suggesting an extension of the franchise to Indians) if fulfilled will be disastrous.

"Leaders of the Indian community have definitely declared that they seek full equality with Europeans. Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan in last August urged the Natal Indian Congress to strive for Municipal and Parliamentary Franchise on a common roll.

Were Indians content to live in their own areas, a measure of self-Government together with certain voting powers within those areas might be considered but their strenuous objection to any form of zoning makes any such concession quite impossible.

Communal franchise would, moreover, be merely the thin end of the wedge".

"With its preponderating brithrate this unassimilable race would soon outnumber Europeans and the European-controlled Provinces of the Union will be reduced from four to three.

"This factor should be borne in mind when contemplating the incorporation of native provinces (High Commission territories) in the Union.

"Further once granted full Union National citizenship, and Mr. Clarkson says that they are Union Nationals, Provincial boundaries will necessarily be swept away.

"For the foregoing reasons local Europeans are already openly voicing preference for a White Republic rather than Indian majority rule".

Copies of the letter have been sent to all Senators and Members of Parliament.

NATIONAL DEFENCE COUNCIL

Next Session At Delhi On April 17.

NEW DELHI, April 14.

At the session of the National Defence Council to be held at Delhi from 17th to 19th April 1944, the representatives of the Indian States will be, in addition to His Highness the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes and the President of the Executive Council of the Government of His Exhalted Highness the Nizam, Their Highnesses the Nawab of Bahawalpur, the Maharao of Kotah and the Nawab of Palanpur.

The Baroda State will be represented by Sir V T. Krishnamachari, Dewan, the Kapurthala State by Khan Bahadur Mian Abdul Aziz, Chief Minister, the Mysore State by Mr. N. Madhava Rau Dewan, and the Udaipur (Mewar) State by Dewan Bahadur Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya, Prime Minister.—A. P.

ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION

Allied Commissioners' Review

NAPLES, April 14.

The Deputy President of the Allied Control Commission in Italy, Lieutenant-General Sir Frank Mason Macfarlane, Presiding at the third session of the Allied Regional Commissioners' Conference held on Friday, heard some strikingly diverse accounts of the Italian political situation and problems. The Allied Commissioner for Sicily, reporting on Marshal Badoglio's recent visit to Sicily, stated "Marshal Badoglio stands a very good chance of becoming 'the grand old man of Italy'". The Commissioner thought that Sicilian separatism was by no means dead yet. The Commissioner for the main Southern Italy region, Colonel Maccaffrey of the United States army, did not think that the existing Italian Government would stand for 24 hours without Allied bolstering, adding "the local population simply will not co-operate with such a Government. There has been a revival of Fascism and the Italian Government has been putting people we fired back on payroll".

The Commissioner for the Foggia Combasso region—another American Colonel—told the Conference "the situation is quite satisfactory. There are some disturbances, but these are simply work of agitators".

Summing up the regional commissioners' reports, the Executive Commissioner for the whole of Allied Occcupid Territory Brigadier M. S. Lush who is British, described the whole political picture as "easier and better than at the last meeting. Macfarlane suggested that impending broadening of Italian Government would ease the situation.—Reuter

CONGRESS RELIEF FUNDS FROZEN

Sind Government's Orders On Karachi Bank

KARACHI, April 15: The Sind Government have frozen the assets in a local bank, amounting to Rs. 2,699|11|2, of the Congress Distress Relief Committee, which was started in Karachi about eight months ago for relief work in the distressed areas.

The Committee, it is stated, had collected altogether about Rs. 80,000 and had sent cash, foodgrains and clothes and also a medical unit for the relief of famine stricken people in Bengal, Malabar and other areas.—A. P.

RELEASES AND CONTINUED DETENTIONS IN C.P.

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, April 14.

Bhawani Prasad Tewari, President Jubbulpore Town Congress Committee, security prisoner is granted ten days' leave to see his only son suffering from typhoid.

Chebial Agrawal, Secretary Jubbulpore District Congress too is released on ten days parole from Central Jail to see his sixty-five year old mother lying seriously ill. Govind Prasad Khampariya ex-Secretary Mahakoshal Provincial Congress is released from Central Jail, Jubbulpore, on the ground of ill-health. Khampariya is suffering from chronic intestinal and stomach trouble.

Vir Wamanrao Joshi, M.L.A. (Central), Anant Gopal Shorey, Editor "Independent", Nilkanthrao Deotale, Vasudevarao Subhedar, members Provincial Legislative Assembly, H. V. Kamath, General Secretary, All-India Forward Bloc, detained hitherto as Security Prisoners in Jubbulpore Central Jail are transferred to Seoni Sub-jail.

MADRAS CONVICTIONS

MADRAS, April 15: Mr. V. R. Radhakrishnan and 11 others who were arrested on the 13th instant were sentenced to-day by the Fifth Presidency Magistrate to four months' R. I. each for the offence of disobeying the Police Commissioner's order banning meetings and processions in the city.—A. P.

Hurs Attack Police Party

KARACHI, April 15: Further details regarding the murder of an armed head constable named Abdul Majid near Obderolal Railway Station show that the deceased, at the head of a party of two policemen, was escorting a Hur dacoit to the police lock up. On the way, the party were attacked by a gang of 12 armed Hurs, who demanded of the head constable that the prisoner be released. On his refusing, the Hurs shot dead the head constable, released the Hur dacoit and fled away.—A. P.

KING OF DENMARK SERIOUSLY ILL

NEW YORK, April 15: Underground reports from Denmark quoted in an 'Associated Press' Stockholm dispatch state that King Christian of Denmark is seriously ill from complications of his foot injury, which he received when he fell a year ago from his horse.—Reuter.

CONDOLENCE ON DEATH "ANAND BAZAR" EDITOR

CALCUTTA, April 15: A resolution recording deep sorrow at the death of Mr. Prafulla Kumar Sarkar, editor of the *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, and an ex-President of the Association, was adopted at a meeting of the Indian Journalists' Association this afternoon.

OFFER OF HELP FROM KALIANDAS NARANDAS CHARITIES

Mr. Mangaldas V. Desai, Bar-at-Law, Shrimati Ratanbai Manmohandas Kaliandas and Seth Harkisandas Manmohandas, Trustees of late Seth Kaliandas Narandas Charities beg to announce that in the Trust premises at Kalbadevi Road, known as Zaveri Baug, Nar Narayen Temple, there is accommodation for provisional residence for families who have been the victims of the recent fire in Bombay and accordingly about one hundred people have taken advantage of the Trust premises on Friday night.

Further if some responsible Committee is willing to undertake to arrange for the food, etc., there are facilities for cooking, etc. The Trustees on application at the Trust Office at above place will be willing to give any immediate help required.

PEOPLES' PROVINCIAL FOOD COUNCIL: A meeting of the Council will be held on the 25th April, 1944 at 3 p.m. at the Corporation Hall, Bombay, to consider among other matters the proposed legislation regarding the growing of food crops, the food grains procurement policy and the arrangements for the distribution of foodstuffs.

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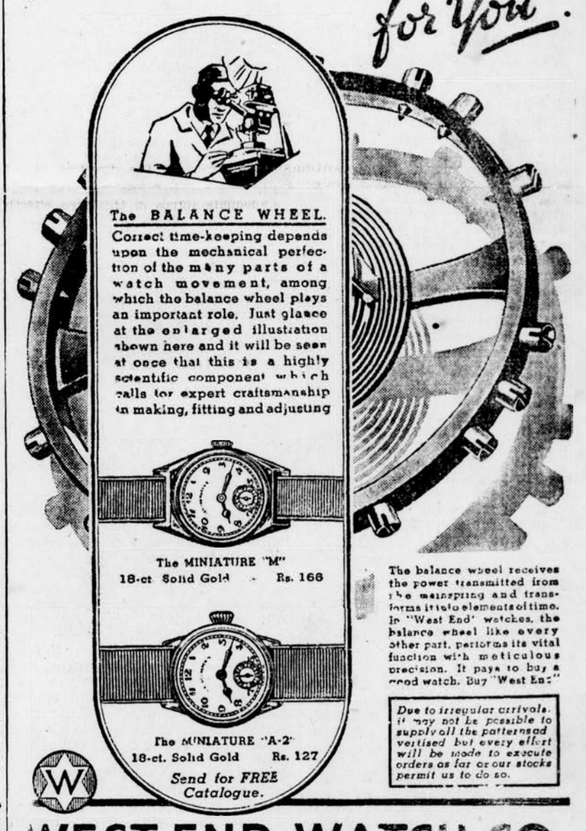

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Wanted immediately Lady Doctor, M.B.B.S. (Gynaecologist preferred). Apply with testimonials, stating expected minimum pay, experience, caste, age, etc. to Hon. Secretaries, Women's Hospital & Maternity Home, Wadhwan Camp (British Administered Area). 8496

Applications are invited from experts in Wool industry, having thorough knowledgge of both Spinning and Weaving Machinery. Permanent Job. Apply with testimonials and minimum salary expected to Sital Prasad, Esqr., Kamla Tower, Cawnpore. 8472

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Wanted M.A.B.Ts. and B.A.B.Ts, strong in English, Mathematics and Science to work as Headmaster and Asst. teachers from June 1944. Also one games teacher, Kandivali trained preferred. Pay according to qualifications and experience. Apply before April 20, with full particulars to M. C. Shah, Chairman, S. H. High School, Dholka. (4603)

Vacancies exist with large European Concern in Bombay for capable Pipe Fitters, Mechanic-Fitters and Electricians. Latter should be fully conversant with automatic systems and modern equipment. Only men having at least ten years' practical experience should apply sharp with full particulars. Good wages and prospects. Apply Box No. 8473. "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted an Accountant B.Com G.D.A. or G.D.C.A. Apply with pay expected G. K. Phadake, Chairman, Kalyan T. Co-op. P. & S Union, Ltd., Kalyan. (8454)

Wanted—Persons desirous of earning Rs. 10 to Rs. 30 per day, should write for free particulars, samples can also be sent if desired. Apply c/o Post Box 282, Lahore. (6726)

EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Your last chance for appearing at Senior Cambridge Examination this year. Mathematics second language omissible. Oral/postal training. Tutorial College. Dhobi Talao, Bombay. 4614

Applications are invited from candidates desirous of joining L.S.G.D. Diploma Training Classes for Officers of Local Self-Government Service conducted under the joint auspices of this Institute and the Government of Bombay which commence on 1st May 1944 at Bombay. Classes will also be opened at Poona and Ahmedabad if sufficient number of students apply to be admitted at these centres. Prospectus can be had from: The Director, Local Self-Government Institute, 11, Elphinstone Circle, Fort, Bombay. (8335)

AGENTS WANTED

Manufacturers, Agents and Distributors, desirous of appointing Sole Agents or representatives for their various products in Karachi and Sind, are requested to please correspond with Matha Brothers, 68, Laxmi Building, Karachi. Security in all respects assured 8495

INVESTMENTS

Influential insurance executive desires contact with substantial capital investors for company floatation. Interested parties should write to Box No. 4632 "Bombay Chronicle."

MACHINERY WANTED

Wanted New or Secondhand Corrugated Paper and Cardboard Box-making Machine, hand driven, with all adjustments, etc., complete. Write giving full particulars such as year of make, manufacturer's name, how long in use, place of inspection and lowest price to Box No. 4642, "Bombay Chronicle."

MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Ramesh Sujan & Co. We Feature Leading Business, Houses and Institutions in Prestige Speciality. Publications Sujan, Waterloo Hotel, Bombay. 4641

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For Sale—About 400 looms of British make—Hacking 1929 model sizes ranging from 32" to 60". Looms are in very good working condition, at Rs. 16-8-0 per inch For further particulars apply to Pandit & Co., 15, Forbes Street, Fort, Bombay. (8456)

PUBLIC NOTICES.

FOR SALE

VALUABLE PROPERTY at WARDEN ROAD.

Apply: V. G. MOTWANE, Post Box 459, BOMBAY. 8485

NOTICE

WANTED, for temporary employment, NINE CLERKS, with Stores and Accounts experience, Matriculate, 3 to 4 years' experience. Salary according to qualification and experience in the grade of Rs. 60-5|2-90|-. Dearness Allowance Rs. 16|-. Apply with testimonials to the Controller of Stores, Bombay Port Trust, Mazagon, Bombay 10, before 24th instant. 8487

PUBLIC NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LTD.
MANDVI BRANCH

The BOOKS and RECORDS of our Mandvi Branch have been REMOVED to our Head Office on Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, from where the Mandvi Branch will work for the present.

H. C. CAPTAIN,
Managing Director.

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for the purchase of old and unserviceable stores. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13 at Rs. 2|- per copy, not refundable, Money Order or Cash only. Closing date 9-5-1944 at 3 P.M. (S.T.) 8488

FINANCE

available to producers holding film quota and licence. Liberal terms. Correspondence treated confidential. Please write to H. C., c/o Post Box No. 591, Bombay, 1. (8473)

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

VACANCIES EXIST in the Naval Store Department R.I.N. for civilian appointments as Typists and Clerk/Typists on salary Rs. 59 x 3—80-E.B. x 4—120 plus Dearness Allowance.

Candidates for posts of typist should possess speed of at least 40 w.p.m.

Applications in writing with copies of testimonials should be forwarded to Superintending Naval Store Officer, India, Albert Building, Hornby Road, Bombay, by 22-4-44. (8478)

FOR SALE

BHUPINDRA FLOUR MILLS, Bhatinda, consisting of Basson Maida, Suji and Ice Plants with decent bungalows, Staff Quarters and Garden. Bhatinda is a very important central commercial town and grain market situated on Southern-Punjab Railway practically commanding a monopoly in feeding the whole of Rajputana, Bombay and Madras Presidencies. There is also a Branch of the Patiala State Bank transacting all sort of Banking business. Mills at present are in perfect running condition and are working in full swing. Intending purchasers should tender their offers to the undersigned by the 31st May, 1944. Further particulars and plan can be supplied on application and on payment of Rs. 10|-. Inspection of the Mills can be arranged, if required.

AJMER SINGH, Major,
Acting Managing Director,
The Patiala State Bank, Patiala
(Proprietors). 8485

INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE, ANAND

NEW CLASSES of Sheth Mansukhlal Chhaganlal Institute of Agriculture, Anand, will begin from 1st June, 1944. Candidates seeking admission to the different courses should apply to the undersigned in their own handwriting in the prescribed form obtainable from the Institute's Office on or before 7th May, 1944. Candidates will have to come for interview at their own expense if they are required to do so. Candidates should be between 18 and 25 years of age and should be willing and able to carry out all the farm and dairy operations by themselves Candidate should make it clear in his application as to the course out of the below mentioned three courses he intends to undergo. Those who have passed the Primary Sch Leaving or the English VIth Std. Examination only need apply. Higher qualified candidates will be given preference. Courses of study:—

(1) A two-years' course leading to the award of "Krishivid" diploma. Selected candidates will be given a monthly scholarship of Rs. 10|-.

(2) A six-months' certificate course of practical training in Dairying and Animal Husbandry. Only six candidates will be admitted to this course.

(3) A one-year certificate course of practical training in Farm Management and Crop Production. Only six candidates will be admitted to this course.

No scholarship is available to students in courses 2 and 3. No fees are charged for tution and stay in the Hostel. It is obligatory to stay in the Hostel.

M. D. PATEL,
Director and Secretary,
Institute of Agriculture, Anand
Anand, Dated, 12th April, 1944. 8499

NOTICE

NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK, LIMITED.
Re: OUR MANDVI BRANCH.

THE RECORDS of our Mandvi Branch have been REMOVED to our Head Office at 43-45, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, from where the Mandvi Branch will work for the present.

N. C. KHORANA,
Managing Director. 8497

PUBLIC NOTICES.

WANTED

CLERKS TRAINING CENTRE
BOMBAY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE, DADAR, BOMBAY

CLERKS for Defence Services are to be trained at the above centre. Both Matriculates and non-Matriculates wanted to take this training. Age between 16½ and 30 years. Candidates between 16½ and 17½ must be Matriculates. Above 17½ years they may or may not be Matriculates but must be good in English. Pay while under training will be Rs. 44|4|- and Rs. 65|- after training. The training period from 3 to 4 months. Both during training period and in Service candidates will get free food, clothing and accommodation with bright prospects for promotions. High physical standard not expected. Apply sharp to the nearest Technical Recruiting Officer or to the CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL SERVICE LABOUR TRIBUNAL, HASSAN CHAMBERS, PARSEE BAZAR STREET, FORT, BOMBAY. 8490

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS INVITED FROM British subjects for a temporary post of Assistant Journalist, Bureau of Public Information, Government of India. Age—21-35 Salary—Rs. 150-5-200. Good academic record and journalistic experience essential. Preference will be given to those who have worked for at least twelve consecutive months in an English newspapers office. Candidates should send in cuttings of published articles, signed wherever possible, together with references and testimonials in original. A small number of candidates will be invited to appear before a Selection Committee but no travelling allowance will be paid. Applications should reach Administrative Officer, Bureau of Public Information, Imperial Secretariat, North Block, New Delhi not later than April 25, 1944. 8493

G. I. P. RAILWAY
BOMBAY-POONA TRAIN SERVICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that BOMBAY—POONA PASSENGER TRAINS 23 Dn., 33 Dn., 24 Up and 34 Up will resume running, the first on and from 14th and the other three on and from 15th April, 1944. 8491

PUBLIC NOTICES.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male candidates to fill a post of Professor of Chemistry for a Government College in Bengal. Pay—150-700 Age—below 35. Qualifications—A First Class Master's degree in Chemistry with at least 5 years' teaching experience or a good Honours degree of an English University with research qualifications. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with treasury receipt for Rs. 5. 10th May, 1944. 8489

NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are invited for a monthly supply of 350 Gallons of Phenyle, with a Carbolic co-efficiency of 15%, Best Quality, in 5 gallons drums. Rates should be for free delivery at D. D. Chawls, Worli, Bombay. Tender forms and conditions of the tender can be had on payment of Re. 1|-. Tenders will be received at the Office of the undersigned upto 30th April, 1944. Two free samples of 1 lb. each should accompany the tenders.

S. D. VASHIST,
I(C. Director of Industries & Central Stores Purchasing Officer.
Bombay, 14th April, 1944.
Old Custom House Yard. 8482

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY
THIRD M.B.B.S. EXAMINATION

CANDIDATES at the III M.B.B.S. Examination are hereby informed that all the papers of the Examination commencing from the 15th April, 1944, will be set in the Wilson College Building, 2nd Floor, in accordance with the printed Time-Table.

In view of the disturbances caused in the Examination in Paper II, Medicine, at the Sukhadwala Building, a fresh Paper II in Medicine will be set on Wednesday, the 19th April, 1944, at 3 P.M. in the Wilson College Building.

By Order of the Vice-Chancellor.

S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
Bombay, 15th April, 1944. 8492

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF SALE

Bai DINBAI MERWANJI HAKIM and MINOCHEHER JAMSHED SOHRAB KHARAS, the present Trustees of the Will of Dr. Merwanji Jamshedji Hakim have agreed to sell the properties described below to our client free from all encumbrances. ALL PERSONS having any claim against the said properties are required to communicate the same to the undersigned at No. 41-45, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

FIRSTLY:—ALL THAT vacant piece or parcel of Redeemed Pension and Tax Land or ground situated at the corner of Girgaum Road (Dhobi Talao) and Hamal Wadi, without the Fort in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring 208 Square Yards or thereabouts and bearing Collector's New Survey No. 8263, Cadastral Survey No. 405 (part) of Bhuleshwar Division and Municipal 7(c), Ward No. 7060, Street Nos. 628-630-2CB and bounded, on the North by the property of the Trustees of Hormasji Manekji Bhiwandiwalla on the South by the aforesaid Hamal Wadi, on the East by the aforesaid Girgaum Road (Dhobi Talao) and on the West by the property secondly described.

SECONDLY:—ALL THAT piece or parcel of Redeemed Pension and Tax Land or ground together with the messuage tenements or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Hamal Wadi, without the Fort in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring 107½ Square Yards or thereabouts and bearing Collector's Old No. 240, New No. 1784, Old Survey No. 21, New Survey No. 8264 and Cadastral Survey No. 405 of Bhuleshwar Division and Municipal C Ward No. 2482, Street No. 1 and bounded, on the North by a Sweeper's Passage portion whereof appertains to the premises now being described and beyond that by the property belonging to the Trustees of Hormusji Manekji Bhiwandiwalla, on the South by the said Hamal Wadi on the East by a Passage common to the premises now being described and the property first described and on the West by the property belonging to Atmaram Sakharam Moray.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1944.

SAROSH M. A. VAKIL,
Mor M|s. Minocheher Manchershah Hiralal & Co.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (8467)

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Public that our client's son PARBHUDYAL GOPIRAM BAJORIA is a minor under the age of 18 years and that our client will not in any way be responsible or liable for any debts or liabilities incurred or that may hereafter be incurred by the said minor.

Dated at Bombay this 10th day of April, 1944.

DINKARRAU & PAREKH,
Attorneys for Mr. Matrumal Bajoria. (8477)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dr. MANCHERSHAW JIJI BHOY NICHOLSON, Mrs. GULBAI JEHANGIR MODY, Mrs. FRENY KAIKHUSHRU WADIA, JEHANGIR GANDHIBHOY MODY and KAIKHUSHRU HIRJI WADIA of Bombay Parsee Inhabitants the Executors and Trustees of the last Will and Testament of the late Dr. Jijibhoy Pestonji Nicholson have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any right or claim in or to the said property in any manner whatsoever, is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 36, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within FOURTEEN DAYS hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim or interest and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE

Piece of land of Pension and Tax tenure cess whereof is redeemed, situate at Abdul Rehman Street, opposite Alahi Baug, admeasuring about 262 Sq. Yds., bearing New S. No. 1|1385 C. S. No. 1337 of Bhuleshwar Division and assessed under C Ward No. 85 and St. Nos. 78-78 A.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1944.

GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 8474

AUCTION SALES.

THE UNDERSIGNED will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 20th April, 1944 at 2-45 P.M. at their sale room:—

One S. H. Renault Motor Car (purchased before war) No. BMW 8804, Sedan, Model 1936, 4 seater 12 H. P. 4 Cylinder with stapney wheel.

(Permission has been granted to sell this car by Provincial Motor Transport Controller.)

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
123, Medows Street, Bombay.

AUCTION SALES.

AUCTION SALE OF OLD ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

Under instructions from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, Messrs. BENNETT & CO. will sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 24th inst. at 2-30 p.m. (N.S.T.) at the Head Police Office, opposite the Crawford Market.

A lot of old arms and ammunition consisting of daggers, spears, rifles, guns, automatic pistols, revolvers, cartridges, swords, bayonets, etc.

On view on sale day.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT SION, OPP. SHIV MANDIR OR POND.

Under instructions from M|s. Dayalji & Dipchand, Attorneys for the owner, Messrs. Bennett & Co. will on Friday, the 28th inst. at 4-30 P.M. (N.S.T.) sell by Public Auction on the premises:—

Government Toka Land with dwelling house at Sion about 482 sq. yards, Municipal F Ward No. 8796 (1) etc., Street No 2363, etc. and bounded on East by Jafferji Ebrahimji's and Varjivandas Madhavdas' properties East by Sion Road, South and West by V. Madhavdas' property.

On particulars and conditions of sale apply to the abovementioned Solicitors or undersigned.

BENNETT & CO.

If due to War conditions your regular dealer is temporarily out of Sloan's Liniment, try again.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 248 of 1944.

DHANJISHAW FRAMJI COOPER, of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant, retired, residing at No. 30, Marine Lines, without the Fort, for himself and all the members of the Parsi Zoroastrian Association for Immediate Help in Urgent Necessities .. Plaintiff.

vs.

(1) Dr. MINOO P. BILPODIWALA, of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant, Medical Practitioner, residing at Imperial Mahal, Tram Terminus, Dadar, outside the Fort of Bombay, (2) KAIKUSHRU P. KAPADIA, of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant, residing at Mehta Building, Naigaum Cross Road, Dadar, outside the Fort of Bombay and (3) KHAN SAHEB FRAMROZE PESTONJI COLABAWALA, of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant, residing at Tram Terminus, Dadar, outside the Fort of Bombay, the President, Secretary and Treasurer and members of the Managing Committee of the Parsi Zoroastrian Association for Immediate Help in Urgent Necessities ..... Defendants.

To,

The Members of the Parsi Zoroastrian Association for Immediate Help in Urgent Necessities.

PURSUANT to the Order made on the 25th day of February, 1944, by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla Notice is hereby given under O. 1 Rule 8 of the Code of Civil Procedure that the Plaintiff has on behalf of himself and all other members of the Parsi Zoroastrian Association for Immediate Help in Urgent Necessities filed this suit against the defendants praying:—

(a) That it may be declared that the said Association is an illegal Association and|or that the defendants are wrongfully and illegally conducting the business of the said Association.

(b) That it may be declared that the defendants are liable to repay to the plaintiff and to all other members of the Association the amounts paid by them to the defendants (or any one or more of them) as and by way of subscription or otherwise for becoming members of the said Association from time to time.

(c) That the defendants may be ordered to render a full and true account under the directions of this Hon'ble Court of all moneys come into their hands or received by them or any one or more of them as and by way of subscriptions or otherwise from time to time since the inception of the said Association for and on behalf of and in the name of the Association.

(d) That for the aforesaid purposes such Orders and directions may be given by this Hon'ble Court as may seem just and necessary and that the accounts may be taken on the footing of wilful default.

(e) That the defendants may be ordered to make good all moneys received by them or any one or more of them from members of the Association and others either as subscription or otherwise, for and on behalf of and in the name of the said Associtaion and to pay to the plaintiff and to other members of the Association the amounts respectively due and payable to them with interest thereon at six per cent per annum from the dates on which the said sums were paid to the defendants or from such date or dated as this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to direct.

(f) That the defendants may be restrained by a perpetual injunction from conducting and managing the said Association and that if necessary the said Association may be wound up by and under the directions of this Hon'ble Court.

(g) That pending the hearing and final disposal of the suit the defendants may be restrained by an Injunction and Order of this Hon'ble Court from dealing with or disposing of the assets, property, books of account, vouchers and moneys come into their hands as members of the Managing Committee of the said Association and belonging to the said Association.

(h) That pending the hearing and final disposal of the suit some fit and proper person be appointed Receiver of the assets, property, books of account, vouchers and moneys held by and in the possession or power of the defendants or any one or more of them in their capacity as members of the Managing Committee of the said Association and belonging to the said Association.

(i) That the defendants may be ordered and decreed to pay the costs of this suit.

(j) That such further and other reliefs may be granted to the Plaintiffs as the nature of the case may require.

And that the hearing of the said suit has been fixed for Monday the 12th day of June, 1944.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1944.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) S. G. MAHADEVIA
for Prothonotary & Senior Master

(Sd.) K. K. DASTUR.

This 23rd day of March, 1944.

Messrs. FRAMJI J. JESIA & CO.,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

TO MEDICAL GRADUATES
for service in the Indian Army Medical Corps

EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS IN THE INDIAN LAND FORCES FOR SERVICE IN THE INDIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

which urgently needs the services of Medical Practitioners. Those selected will be appointed to the I.M.S. in the first instance and will be immediately seconded to the I.A.M.C. They will retain in full all "reserved rights" possessed by them as officers of the I.M.S on the date of their secondment. Service in the new Indian Army Medical Corps offers additional scope for specialisation in all branches of surgery and medicine plus improved facilities for professional and technical training. Graduates should avail themselves of this excellent opportunity now and obtain maximum benefit. The following categories are open to Medical Graduates:—

(a) General Service in India and overseas. (b) General Service—Specialists. (c) General Service—Women's Branch.

Medical Qualifications. A candidate should have a medical qualification registrable in Great Britain and Northern Ireland or an Indian Medical Degree recognised by the Medical Council of India. Registered Medical Practitioners holding the qualifications of D.M.&S. (Madras), M.C.P.&S. (Bombay), M.M.F. (Bengal), M.S.M.F. (U.P./Punjab) or M.B.B.S. (Mysore and Osmania Universities), or approved foreign qualifications are also considered. Candidates must be fit for active military duty and their age should not ordinarily exceed 45 years.

Antedate: Reckoning for pay and promotion up to six years and six months for professional experience, higher qualifications and hospital appointments, Antedate takes effect for purposes of rank and pay from date of first appointment.

RATES OF PAY: Rising from Rs. 450 per month for Lieutenant to Rs. 1,350 per month for Lieut.-Colonel. Specialists: Candidates appointed as recognised Specialists are given the acting rank of Major with the pay of that rank plus Rs. 100 as specialist pay. Graded Specialists draw Specialist Pay of Rs. 100 without the acting rank. Charge or Command Pay: from Rs. 60 to Rs. 240 p.m. for officers holding certain specified appointments. Outfit Allowance of Rs. 733 on first appointment. Advance of Pay up to Rs. 300 on first appointment. Separation Allowances: Under the existing terms overseas pay admissible to I.M.S. Officers varies from Rs. 150 to Rs. 400 p.m. Travelling allowances and leave concessions as for other officers in the Indian Army. Gratuity: Rs. 2,000 or Rs. 1,000 at the end of first year of service according as a candidate obtained his basic medical qualifications before or after 1st January 1940 respectively, and one month's pay for each completed year of service thereafter. Disability, Family and Widow's Pensions, Children's and Educational Allowances as laid down by Regulations for the Indian Medical Service.

Full particulars and application forms obtainable from:— The head of the Provincial Medical Department (Surgeon-General or Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals) or the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, New Delhi, or from Officers Commanding, Indian Military Hospitals or the Director of Medical Services, G.H.Q., New Delhi.

Indian Army Medical Corps

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